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ANOTHER OIL FIRE.

Excelsior Company's Works, at Freedom, Pa., Burned—The Town Endangered—Loss $25,000.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

ROCHESTER, Pa., July 31, 1872.

The Excelsior Oil Company's works at Freedom, near this place, were almost totally destroyed by fire this afternoon, and at one time it was feared that the greater portion of the town would be sacrificed to the flames, as several dwellings caught fire from sparks, but by great exertions on the part of citizens further damage was prevented. The fire originated from a leak in one of the stills, thus allowing the fire to communicate with the oil and causing the tank to explode. Loss about $25,000, and fully insured; but nothing reliable can be learned as yet.

CENTRAL AMERICA NEWS.

Agassiz and Party on the Pacific Coast —Edgar Stuart Affair Adjusted.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Aspinwall dates to the 21st state that the steamer Hassler with Agassiz and party were to sail on the 22d from Panama for San Francisco. The frigates Saranac and California were at Panama. The frigate Wyoming was at Aspinwall on the 21st in charge of the steamer Edgar Stuart. Captain Pennell, of the latter, had been again arrested by the authorities at Aspinwall, but was very soon released. Consul Dill has received instruction from the American State Department approving his action in detaining the Edgar Stuart, but condemning the action of Captain Pennell of he latter for not obeying the orders of the attorney of the owner, and Consul Dill is an horized to grant a clearance to the Stuart direct to New York, where her owner resides, when said owner assigns a new captain to command her.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, July 31, 1872.

ANTHRACITE COAL MARKET.

One hundred thousand tons of Scranton coal were sold to-day. Lands sold at an average of 3 24 per ton; steamboat, $3 27; grate, $3 44; egg, $3 47; stove, $3 90; chestnut, $3 45. Boat, egg and chestnut were all bought at reduced rates. Grate and stove coal on, the other hand, advanced, possibly owing to the fact that many housekeepers lay in their winter's supply of coal early in autumn.

LOSS BY THE HUNTER'S POINT FIRE.

The loss by the Hunter's Point fire will not exceed $400,000, and is mostly covered by insurance. The Standard Oil Company lost 1,000 barrels of refined oil and 3,000 barrels of naptha; their crude oil is uninjured, as is also one tank of refined. Seven thousand barrels their loss in round figures is $100,000, and insurance $87,500, divided between five companies. Josiah Macy's Sons, who owned the shipping, which also escaped, lose $20,000, but their bulkhead is injured; $5,000 insured. Of the vessels at dock two were loaded with about $70,000 worth of oil; the third was empty. The vessels were insured for $50,000. The canal boats destroyed, with cargo, were probably worth $15,000. Mr. Coe's loss will probably not exceed $40,000, and is covered by insurance.

GEN. KILPATRICK SUES FOR LIBEL.

At the Tombs Police Court to-day General Kilpatrick, of New Jersey, entered complaint for libel against Louis J. Jennings of the New York Times. The alleged libel is contained in the issue of Saturday last. Justice Hogan refused to grant a warrant for Jennings's arrest, but sent him a notification to appear at eleven o'clock to-morrow to answer the charge preferred.

WIFE MURDER.

Michael Lowery, of No. 43 Madison street, threw his wife from a third story window to-night to-night. She cannot recover. He was arrested.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, D.C., 1872, 7 P. M.

PROBABILITIES.

The low barometer in Pennsylvania will move to-night off the New England coast, with threatening weather and rain areas from New Jersey northeastward over New England; clearing and cooler weather will prevail over the lower lakes, with winds northerly and easterly, extending southward to Virginia and westward over the Middle and Eastern States on Thursday; clearing and clear weather on the South Atlantic and Gulf, with westerly and southerly winds veering to northeasterly in the upper lakes and southeasterly in the Ohio valley and upper Mississippi, with partly cloudy weather.

Alabama Cotton Crop Seriously Damaged.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., July 31.—The boll and army worm are ruining the crops. One plantation, which three years ago made one hundred bales of cotton, will now make but fifty—here is gloomy depression among the planters, who consider themselves ruined.

Senator Wilson Will Attend the Soldiers' Mass Convention.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Hon. Henry Wilson replies to an invitation to attend the soldiers and sailors' mass convention at Pittsburgh, on September 17th, as follows: "I will gladly accept your kind invitation, and hope you will give great success."

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

While a show procession was passing the Fairie City Bank, in Indianapolis, yesterday, diverting the attention of the bank officers, a thief slipped in the back way and stole money and deeds to a considerable amount.

The residence of R. Newton, in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Loss $5,500, nearly covered by insurance.

The white lead and color works of Boucher & Walkewitz, in St. Louis, were burned yesterday. Loss heavy.

The Georgia Senate has passed an act to allow colored men excluded from jury lists to appeal to the Superior Courts.

John Jowler, Collector at the port of Savannah, has tendered his resignation.

The street car trouble at Savannah has entirely ceased, and the city is quiet as usual.

The first two bales of new cotton were received at Savannah yesterday, one from Florida and the other from Bainbridge, Georgia.

George Washington Wilson (white), leader of the Ogeechee wing of the Republicans, was arrested by the United States authorities, at Savannah, yesterday, for disturbing a Republican meeting on Monday night.

James A. Kennedy, of St. Louis, belonging to the engineer corps of the Iron Mountain Railroad, was taken sick at Poplar Bluffs, &c., on Sunday and procured from a druggist what he supposed to be tincture of buchu, which proved to be aconite, took a dose and died in two hours.

A shooting affray at Ellsworth, Kansas, on Friday resulted in the death of a Texan desperado, named Oliver, and a man named Smedy.

Henry Swigert, a German, while attempting to board a moving train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, eight miles below Wheeling, fell under the cars and was instantly killed.

The City Bank, of Memphis, Tenn., suspended yesterday. Liabilities $55,000; assets unknown.

The past ten days were the hottest ever known at Memphis, Tenn.

Senator Wilson arrived in Philadelphia yesterday. A large number of personal and political friends called upon him.

The agitator in the refinery of Hanna, Chanin & Co., at Cleveland, exploded yesterday, killing one man and fatally injuring another.

J. K. Whittles, money receiving clerk in Adams Express Company, at Cincinnati, was arrested yesterday, and $8,000 in money recovered from him. He is in durance, charged with embezzlement.

What has transpired at Leavenworth, Kansas, and frauds to a very large amount are being perpetrated upon the government by making claims for rebels and fictitious persons from our property was taken for Colonel Jennison's regiment in Jackson county, Missouri, in 1861 and 1862. Jennison is alleged to have been to a claim of P. K. Moss, a rebel, of Independence, Missouri, for $53,800, when reasonable parties affirm his loss did not exceed $1,000.

A cable dispatch announces the death at Southampton, England, of Rev. J. B. Moore, acting pastor of the Church of Unity, at Springfield, Mass.

Hon. John H. Hubbard, formerly member of Congress from the Fourth District, Connecticut, died at Litchfield on Wednesday.

A fire at Von du Lac, Wisconsin, Tuesday night, destroyed the lumber mill of M. J. Hale & Sons. Loss 16,000.

At Green Bay, Wisconsin, yesterday, two schooners belonging to Geo. Langton & Co., in their entirety, were burned. Loss $60,000.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Miscellaneous Dispatches.

VIENNA, July 31.—Miss Nellie Grant is now here.

LONDON, July 31.—The American fleet will be inspected at Cowes by the Prince and Princess of Wales. Probably the Queen and Prince will entertain Admiral Alden and a number of other officers of the fleet to-morrow. On Friday they will be entertained by the Mayor of Southampton.

The Geneva authorities state that there is complete harmony in the Board of Arbitration, and a speedy settlement of all questions before that tribunal is expected within a few weeks.

LONDON, July 31.—The Goodwood stakes were won by Spennithorne, the winner of the Northumberland plate. Richmond was second and Kingcraft third.

Marine News.

SOUTHAMPTON, July 31.—Arrived, Bremen, from New York.

The Markets.

LONDON, July 31, 5 P. M.—Consols 92¾. United States Bonds—5-20s of '62, 91⅜; do of '65, 92¾; do of '67, 91⅝; 10-40s, 90. Sugar—Aboa 28s 6d.

PARIS, July 31.—Rentes 55 francs 70 centimes.

LIVERPOOL, July 31.—Cotton flat; middling uplands 9 1-16@9¼; Orleans 9¾@; sales 10,000 bales; speculation and export 2,000 bales. Red winter wheat 11s 10d. Flour 27s. Corn 27s 6d. Lard 37s 3d. Cheese 58s 9d. Cumberland Middles 27s. Short rib middles 28s 6d.

POLITICAL.

The Sixteenth Ohio District Republican Congressional Nomination.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

CADIZ, O., July 31, 1872.

Certain delegates in the convention at Bellaire, July 30th, defeated the nomination of Hon. John A. Bingham by two votes, in direct violation of their instructions and the expressed will of the people of the Sixteenth Congressional District, which causes Bingham's declaration of dissatisfaction, although Captain Danford, who was nominated, is no doubt the most popular and best qualified for the office of all the candidates, and will be fully supported and elected by a large majority.

Seventeenth Ohio Congressional District Nomination.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

ALLIANCE, O., July 31, 1872.

The Democratic Greeley Liberal Republican Convention to nominate a candidate for Congress from this, the Seventeenth district, met here to-day, organized and went through certain matters *pro forma* until they reached the question of resolutions, when Mr. Odell, of Mahoning, moved the appointment of a committee of five for that purpose. Scarcely a worse fire brand could have been thrown into the convention, as it was by no means a unit. Mr. McGregger, of the Stark county *Democrat*, moved to amend by adopting the platforms of Cincinnati and Baltimore respectively, which was carried unanimously. The Convention by this time had arrived, in the order of business, at the nomination. Mr. McGregger nominated Richard Brown, of Mahoning; Mr. Wallace, of Columbiana, nominated J. Twing Brooks, of Columbiana. Other names were nominated and withdrawn, and the Convention proceeded to an informal ballot. The whole number of votes cast was one hundred and twenty-one; necessary to a choice sixty-one, of which Columbiana gave Brooks twenty-six; Carroll county, Brooks seven; Mahoning, Brown fourteen; Summit, twenty-seven; Stark county, Brown forty-four, Brooks seven. Brown had eighty-five and Brooks thirty-six. Brown was at once declared unanimously nominated. After a small muddle Haynes, of Carroll, was nominated as Presidential elector.

Fusion of Ohio Liberals and Democrats.

COLUMBUS, July 31.—The State Liberal and Democratic Mass Convention, called to ratify the nomination of Greeley and Brown and to choose Presidential electors, assembled in new City Hall at 11 A. M. General R. Brinkerhoff called the Convention to order, and on his motion Hon. Rufus Spaulding, of Cuyahoga, was made Chairman, and W. C. Gould, of Fayette, Secretary. Vice Presidents and Secretaries were also chosen from both the Liberals and Democrats. A committee appointed to select Presidential Electors reported the names of Hon. August Theime, of Cuyahoga, on behalf of the Liberal Republicans, and Hon. Thomas King, of Lucas, on behalf of the Democrats. The report was accepted.

The Liberal and Democratic Mass Convention reassembled at three P. M. on the east front of the State House, after choosing two electors, as stated above. The committee appointed to wait on B. Gratz Brown at his hotel soon returned with that distinguished gentleman, who was introduced by Judge Spaulding as the next Vice President of the United States. In calling the latter to order, Judge Spaulding was unable physically to make a long speech. His speech at Frankfort yesterday, united with his ride to this city, had given him a severe headache. He said that Ohio held a controlling interest in national politics, and it so happened that her vote has always been decisive in the Presidential contests of the past, and it would seem as if that influence was not to be lessened in the present contest, for she is looked upon from all quarters of the nation with great interest. Mr. Brown, after setting forth arguments favoring the party represented by him, gave way to Col. Grosvenor, of Mississippi, who was then introduced and spoke for nearly two hours. At the conclusion of Col. Grosvenor's remarks a dispatch was read from Mr. B. D. Hoss, of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, stating that Hon. George E. Pugh, of Ohio, had tendered his services to the Democratic State Central Committee during the general canvass, which announcement was greeted with cheers. The convention then adjourned till evening.

The convention reassembled at eight o'clock when Gen. Tom. Ewing took the stand, and upon being introduced thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him by the nomination as elector at large. At the conclusion of Gen. Ewing's address short speeches were made by Hon. J. H. Dickson, Hon. E. J. Pain, Gen. Wiley and Judge Clark. A slight rain came up and dispersed the crowd during Judge Clark's speech.

Tenth Ohio District Congressional Nomination.

TOLEDO, July 31.—The Republican Congressional Convention for the Tenth district, held at Clyde, Ohio, to-day, nominated Hon. Chas. Foster, of Seneca county, for re-election to Congress by acclamation.

Gen. Garfield Renominated for Congress.

CLEVELAND, July 31.—The Republicans of the Nineteenth district, in Convention at Warren, Ohio, to-day nominated Gen. J. A. Garfield for Congress.

The Inharmonious New York Democracy.

NEW YORK, July 31.—An excited meeting of the Apollo Hall Democracy was held to-night. Wm. H. Wyckham, Chairman, attempted to read a communication from Tammany Hall, inviting the Apollo Hall organization to join in a mass meeting to indorse the Baltimore Convention. Senator Jas. O'Brien moved the communication be laid on the table. The motion was received with tremendous cheers. Ex-Mayor Wood, Coroner Flynn, Judge Spalding, Henry Murray and others of the Executive Committee sustained the motion of O'Brien, who denounced Wickham with being in secret treaty to sell the organization to Tammany Hall. For a long time Wyckham persisted in attempting to read the communication, but O'Brien's motion was carried. Wyckham denied the allegation of O'Brien and announced his (Wyckham's) withdrawal from the Apollo Hall Democracy.

Prohibition Convention Called.

BOSTON, July 31.—The prohibitory committee this afternoon voted to hold a delegate convention in Boston, August 28th, to nominate candidates for support at the State election.

Colored People Warming to the Work.

EVANSVILLE, IND., July 31.—A colored Grant and Wilson club was formed here to-night and able speeches were made by colored men. Similar organizations are being formed throughout the several townships of this county.

The Campaign in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31.—Two very large political meetings were held here to-night, the Democrats and Liberal Republicans at the Academy of Music, and the Republicans at their wigwam. Both places were densely crowded. Addresses were made by Hon. J. R. Cravens, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, spoke at the Academy, and Hon. Richard Thompson, of Terre Haute, at the wigwam.

Illinois Republican Congressional Nomination.

CHICAGO, July 31.—The Republican Congressional Convention of the Eleventh Illinois District, at Pittsfield, to-day, nominated A. C. Mathews, of Pike county.

Divorce, Murder, Suicide.

ROCHESTER, July 31.—Burkhardt Hetzeler, who recently obtained a divorce from his wife on the ground of adultery, discovered her to-night in company with her paramour, Jacob Gozman. He struck the latter a fearful blow in the face and then shot him through the heart. The woman escaped. Hetzeler then shot himself, dying instantly.

THE Pittsburgh *Chronicle* hits the nail squarely on the head when it says that the letter of Col. Grosvenor simply means that although General Grant secured and has protected their liberties, he "has not been blathering in season and out of season about the black people." The *Chronicle* forcibly adds:

"We believe this letter of Mr. Sumner will make votes for Grant. It is such an utter overwhelming failure to damage the President, although studious efforts were made to that end, that hundreds of Democrats, and especially those who were in the army, will resent it at the ballot box.

The judgment of our contemporary will doubtless prove correct. The letter is rank with hatred and injustice, and on the minds of all fair-minded men, will produce a diametrically opposite effect to that which its author intended.

The Game at Which Buckalew Played.

The Men With Whom He Took Counsel in Canada, and their Objects.

What a Patriot Buckalew Was in 1864.

HOW FIT A CANDIDATE HE IS NOW.

The following report, made by Jacob Thompson, one of the rebel leaders whom Charles R. Buckalew counseled with, sheds a flood of light on him as a patriot in 1864, and his deserts now as the Democratic candidate for Governor. No preface or comment is needed:

WINDSOR, C. W., July 9, 1864.

Hon. J. P. Benjamin, Secretary of State:

SIR: You will perceive that I am at Windsor, just opposite Detroit. I came here about three weeks ago. Mr. Clay was taken sick at Halifax, and remained behind. He is now at St. Catherines. I reached Montreal on May 29. There, through the agency of ——— —, I arranged for an interview with a reliable and sensible gentleman from New York city. After the fullest and freest conversation with him I became satisfied that nothing could be done in the Eastern States, where the war is popular because of the profit which they think they are deriving from its prosecution. Absolutely nothing was promised from an effort to deal with their papers.

After remaining two weeks for the arrival of Mr. Clay, I came to this place. Here I met with Mr. B——, the Grand Master of the secret order in the Western States and its President. They had the right to admit members, and I was at once initiated. This gave me an insight into their principles and strength. I was much pleased with it, and there was nothing in it, so far as I was permitted to go, which did not meet my hearty approbation, and I took three degrees. I think they are in fair working order. All they need now is an occasion, as they style it, to rise and assert their rights. When Mr. —— returned it was expected that he would be re-arrested, and then they expected to rescue him and meet the consequences. After the position taken by the Cleveland Convention I told him I had no such expectation. I believed Lincoln could not touch him. He is too much accustomed to back down. Then they expected that the violence of the Abolitionists was so great that they would burn the hall lately erected in Chicago for the holding of the Democratic Convention, immediately after that Convention adjourned on the Fourth of July. But that Convention has been postponed until the 20th of August. Still there are threats of the Abolitionists to burn this before the meeting of the Convention, and they are called. But it is now fixed that this movement will take place on the 20th.

The enrolled strength of the order in Illinois is 85,000, in Indiana 66,000, and in Ohio 50,000. In Kentucky unknown, but represented as large. This investigation was made four weeks ago, since which time the United States has changed daily. The plan is this: Simultaneously a movement will be made at Chicago, Rock Island and Springfield, the three places will be seized and held, the prisoners released, armed and mounted—7,000 at Chicago and 9,000 at Rock Island. A man has visited me from Chicago who says he has two regiments in that place, eager, ready, organized and armed. They have complained that they have been organized for five months, out of money, with which they have been supplied. Efforts are now making to communicate with the Indiana patriots to induce them to initiate proceedings on the same day, and to hold a movement seize and hold Indianapolis and release 6,000 prisoners there. If Indiana and Ohio move they will constitute themselves a Western Confederacy and demand peace.

There are some choice spirits enlisted in this enterprise, and if that we need success is unqualified resolve. It is agreed that ——— takes command of the Chicago prisoners; if he can be got out — shall command the Rock Island. To this I have given my consent.

I am satisfied United States troops cannot be raised if our government should attempt an invasion of Pennsylvania. A counter movement will be made. If a movement could be made by our troops into Kentucky and Missouri by the 1st of August, or shortly, it would greatly facilitate movements in the West. They would occupy all the organized troops in this quarter and leave the Eastern States no excuse, and the whole movement could be done without firing a gun. I am certain the President will see the importance of such a movement at a glance.

The people of the North are growing weary of the war, but the vindictiveness and the preachers of all denominations (save the Catholics) are as vigorous in their advocacy of an entire extermination. The people of Canada sympathize with us. They said to me in his own ground Richmond, and if Johnston can waste and defeat the army of Sherman, this fall will make a wonderful development. Lincoln assuredly will be defeated. McClellan's late war speeches have pretty well broken him down with the peace Democracy. However, unless we have great successes at Richmond and in Georgia, there is no hope of defeating a war man at the ballot box — at least I have none. I fear the Democratic politicians of the North will favor peace. They think if the Federal arms are defeated a peace man may carry the ballot box. I do not think so. The military power is too large and will be drawn too actively into the contest.

Their money has been made so free, yet the fanatics show no symptom of yielding. Captain ——— is with me and is acting with great discretion, and he possesses my entire confidence. I greatly rely upon his courage and sagacity. We have about sixty escaped prisoners who are ready for any enterprise, many of them men of first rate intelligence. J. T.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Referring to the North Carolina election, which takes place to-day, the Washington *Chronicle* says:

"There are rumors that forebode trouble that will not, we trust, be verified. The outcry that has been raised by the coalitionists, about the republican pipe-laying, expenditure of money, buying and intimidating voters, &c., is intended to cover infamous schemes looking to the stealing of ballot-boxes by the Ku-Klux, under the lead of political gamblers sent from this city and Tammany to inaugurate the tactics of the American cesspool in the South. We know that an immense sum of money has been sent into the North State by the Tammany-Greeley Democracy. We know that it is in the hands of unscrupulous men who are not accustomed to stop short of any villainy necessary to accomplish their purposes. What is more, it has been done with the full knowledge of Mr. Greeley, who, more than any man in the country, denounced all attempts to defeat or destroy liberty by the corruption of the ballot-box."

Col. Forney having been charged with intending to "go back on" Grant and Wilson by-and-by, disposes of the charge in the following manner:

"While we have no explanation to make in regard to Grant and Wilson, and no apologies for our course on State issues, taken after full and due consideration, and in the face of every possible consequence, we laugh to scorn the idea that, under any circumstances, we can be found weak or wanting in their support. We are for both because they have served the nation in her extremity, because their record is without stain, because they are fit for the places they have filled, and will continue the government in the hands of those who have secured us the ten thousand blessings resulting from the overthrow of the rebellion."

Last week the *Tribune* began to cry out in its usual frantic manner for the publication of Greeley's letters to Carmichael, and to demand that until that was done those making charges against Greeley of intriguing with the Democrats should hold their peace. The letter appeared in the *Herald*, shows how dishonest this cry was by saying that "Mr. Greeley has not authorized the publication of the *Tribune* or any other of all of his letters to a friend of Greeley nearly two weeks since."

Congressman E. J. Golladay, of Tennessee, elsewhere referred to, supports Greeley for the Presidency, and has recently been telling his constituents why. We quote a few sentences from his speech. He told his hearers "that Greeley would do for the Democratic party of the nation what Gratz Brown did in Missouri, better in Tennessee than Brown did in Virginia. In accepting Greeley, the Democracy had not abandoned their principles, and, in adopting their platform, they had not ignored their record of the past. They recognized the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Constitutional amendments as an existing fact, in the same sense that we recognize that Cain killed Abel and that Judas betrayed Christ. The Democracy did not believe they were just or constitutional; only they said it was the best settlement of the South of any man in the nation. He had done more, and was willing to do more, for her than any other man could."

The other day the *Tribune* published what it styled a correct list of the various papers supporting Grant and Greeley. Only three were given from Pennsylvania as supporting Grant. The editor of the German *Spectator*, published at Erie, adds to the number as follows: 1. Lancaster *Volksfreund*, 2. Doylestown *Morgensterne*, 3. Harrisburg *Vaterlandswaechter*, 4. Middleburg, Snyder county *Volksfreund*, 5. Pottsville *Amerikanische Republikaner*, 6. Allentown *Patriot*, 7. Manch Chunk *Republikaner*. Besides these, he says, there is a German Grant paper in Easton, and in various other interior places of the State. Undoubtedly the *Tribune's* list is just as correct as to the other States.

The Chicago *Evening Journal* commends to the sober consideration of those German and Irish voters who are being "roped into" the Greeley meshes the following: "A New Yorker," the *Journal* says, "now a well known resident and merchant of this city, informs us that in 1856 he was a member of the first Know Nothing Council formed in the city of New York; that the question of securing a newspaper organ came up; that a committee was appointed on this subject, and that at a meeting of that committee, at No. 68 East Broadway, over a drug store, Horace Greeley was personally present, and submitted a proposition to make his *Tribune* the organ of the Know Nothing party of New York if they would pay him $50,000. Our informant, who is as reliable a man as can be found in Chicago's business circles, stands ready to prove his statement should Horace have the hardihood to question it."

A letter from Mississippi, says: "Though the Democrats will not all, or near all, support the Greeley ticket, yet all the supporters of that ticket are Democrats of the bitter-ender brand, and they support that ticket in exactly the same bigoted and overbearing spirit which has actuated them in all the campaigns of the last sixteen years. The false and hypocritical cognomen of 'Liberal' may deceive some people at the North, and it may be honestly adopted in that section. But the headquarters and real seat of vitality for the movement is in the South."

The Missouri *Staats-Zeitung*, the leading German paper in St. Louis, says: "Of the German Republicans who, in 1870, were almost unanimous for the Liberal cause, at least four-fifths have returned into the Republican camp. The same in still higher degree is the case with the American Republicans. Every one who knows the State will admit that outside of St. Louis, and perhaps its neighboring counties, the appearance of Liberal Republicans is only sporadic, and is almost exclusively confined to the circle of office-seekers. An English organ of the Liberals no longer exists, to our knowledge, in the whole State."

A correspondent of the Savannah *News* gives the following respecting the influential Georgia Democrats named: "I was informed this evening that Judge A. R. Wright, of Rome, Gen. L. J. Gartrell, of Atlanta, and other equally prominent Democrats are about to take the stump against Greeley. It is said that they will not advocate the election of Grant, but will urge the Democracy to keep away from the polls, and let the election go by default."

The Brooklyn (New York) *Democrat*, always a true party paper, refuses to support Greeley and Brown, and declares that "between the two Republicans it will have no hesitancy in supporting Grant."

The Waukesha (Wisconsin) *Philadelder*, an old and always consistent Democratic organ, refuses to ratify the bargain by which the Democratic party was sold out to Greeley and the Cincinnati wire-pullers.

A gentleman who, the Trenton *Gazette* believes, has had better opportunities to learn the political sentiments of the people of New Jersey than any other man, and has fully availed himself of them, informs that journal that the result of his observations from Sussex to Cape May is, that ten Democrats will refuse to vote for Greeley to every Republican that votes for him.

Hon. George Becker, who has been for twenty years a leading and influential lawyer and Democrat, and is well known throughout New York, has published a long letter, in which, as a Democrat, he gives his reasons why he cannot support the Baltimore ticket. The Albany *Journal* says it is a strongly-written and temperate document, and it will be read with interest and profit by the thousands of Democrats who sympathize with Mr. Becker in the present crisis.

An old citizen of Virginia writes to the Washington *Chronicle* that he considers it a mistake of the administration that it did not impose the test oath upon the members of the Southern Legislatures in the beginning of the reconstruction movement. He says that instead of conciliating those who had sympathized with the rebellion, it gave them opportunity to assume the same old and bribing role upon the government. This don't sound like the time sung by the new converts of the Democracy, who would have us believe that the direful feed of a penniless dinner turned out the life of the South. He says, in conclusion: "I have been a practicing lawyer, living among the people for a score of years, and I meet with a good many Democrats of high standing and fine intelligence who tell me that they will not vote for Grant under any circumstances, and they are reliable."

The Beaver (Pa.) *Conservative* refuses to support the Baltimore nominations. It says:

"We urge upon all good Democrats in this county to organize immediately and prepare for the support of a regular Democratic ticket, let a convention be called and delegates appointed for the Louisville Convention, where a reliable Democratic candidate will be placed in nomination upon an old-fashioned platform. This being done, all true Democrats must rally to the support of the ticket. We must allow yourselves to be bullied and badgered into measures by self-constituted leaders, whose only objects are to secure office and control patronage."

Ex-Governor Salomon, one of the originators of the Reform movement, and who advocated it with great zeal and energy, having become disgusted with the Greeley bargain and sale, has come out in a letter in which he declares himself a supporter of General Grant.

The Springfield *Republican* calls for the substitution of some other name for that of Gratz Brown on the Greeley ticket, because of what occurred at New Haven during his recent visit. On the afternoon of the day the third day out we crossed the Rocky Mountains, at a point where four weeks ago the ground was covered with snow. It was a very pleasant ride up the mountains, and we found it less intensely hot; the musquitoes not quite so bad, and the alkali water had given place to fresh and pure water from the snow from the peaks all about us; and fresh grass had taken the place of sand and sage brush. The drive down the mountains was very fine; the mountain peaks innumerable, reflecting the rays of the setting sun, which rushed up from the ocean behind the hidden ravines, and brought out all the beauties of the interlying valleys. It seemed as if the imaginary line which divided the Territory of Idaho from Montana had marked an entire change in the soil, and at once we entered upon not only a rich and fertile country, but fine farming and stock and, more wonderful, every hill side, gulch and away into the plains, the soil is rich with gold. But of this more hereafter.

Arrived in Helena, four and a half days (and nights) out from Corrinne, twenty-four hours over the time allotted, and finding all in the warm springs, a good night's sleep, and your correspondent was ready for the wonders of Montana. Met Mr. Thomas Roberts and Mr. Henniken, of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and their families, old Pittsburgh friends, who are living in Helena.

Mr. Brunot had an interview with Red Dog, High Wolt and Long Ears, who were *en route* with the Southern Indians to Washington, and requested that they were all correct, and that he was perfectly willing to make an affidavit to the statement if required."

Firemen's Tournament at Lima, Ohio.

Special to the Pittsburgh Commercial.

LIMA, Ohio, July 31, 1872.

The fire engine tournament here yesterday was largely attended. There was but one steamer present, from Kenton, and it took the prize, there being no competition. Hand engines were present from Van Wert, Delphos and Troy, Ohio. The Capitol, of Troy, took the prize, throwing one hundred and eighty-seven feet. Hook and ladder companies were present from Ada and Kenton, Ohio, and Warsaw, Indiana. The Kentons took the prize, running a distance and putting a man on top of a ladder in thirty-nine seconds. The Warsaws did it in forty-one seconds, in good style, and with a much higher ladder. The Ada ladder fell before the man reached the top. Hose carts from Delphos, Van Wert, Troy, Kenton and Wapahoneta contested. The prize was won by the Kenton company. Six brass bands, from Kenton, Wapahoneta, Troy, Columbus, Grove, Delphos and Van Wert played for the prize, which was won by the Warsaw. The Troy and Kenton also distinguished themselves. Owing to an accident on the railroad near Buffalo, by which one of the new steamers was wrecked, the trial before the City Council had to be postponed. Two steamers were here, however, from Akron & Co., Cincinnati, and Shipp & Jones, Hudson, New York. A night a large ball was held in City Hall, in which the firemen and others participated.

The horse fair begins here to-morrow, and promises good races.

Political Situation at Wheatland, Pa.

Special Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Commercial.

WHEATLAND, July 31, 1872.

We notice an article in the *Post* of yesterday in relation to the formation of a Greeley club in this place. They claim to have one hundred and thirty-two on their list. Perhaps they have, counting all the little hoys. But we think we are putting the figures a little too high when we say that there are not seventy-five Greeley voters in the village, while there are already over two hundred legal voters enrolled upon the roll of the Grant and Wilson club. We feel sure of the working men around the rolling mill and furnaces of James Wood, Sons & Co. are foolish enough to vote money out of their own pockets and will not give almost solid for Grant. Their argument is this: "We get better wages than we ever did in our lives, and we are not going to give away a certainty for an uncertainty." Politics are raging around Lawrence and Mercer counties, and you will hear of a big victory for Grant in both these counties. Grant is gaining ground every day, and will do so until after the election. In a week or two will give you a full account of the working of the political machinery in these parts.

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Straight Democrats.

"Ernatus Brooks, New York Express":

"DEAR SIR: I perceive in the *Express* a paragraph attempting to ridicule me and my honest convictions.

"As I treated your reporter courteously I had the right to expect courteous treatment in return. As the *Express* boasts that it has 'encouraged by the Grant men,' you will please enumerate those who have been in contact with me. To add just such insinuations I have studiously kept myself aloof from the representatives and friends of Gen. Grant. My only other call on the press has been to file as much at it pleases by the publication of letters from various counties, that money is tendered to 'Bourbons' to attend the Louisville Convention. I was surprised when you refused you authorizing such a paragraph to be inserted in your columns and connecting it with me, knowing that I was in the face of every convictions were firm in other days, you did not ascribe mercenary or improper motives to me for acting with you in known and honorable minority. If our movement, which is feared, though you attempt to ridicule it, is so abortive, the honesty of our purposes should shield us from the false attacks, written by reporters who announce their own preferences for Grant without eliciting favorable responses from me. The district conventions will be called in due time. The Democrats who agree with me will show their hands, and there will be many of them. The delegates will go to Louisville with their own money, for the sturdy farmers, mechanics, and others, who propose to engage in this support of principles do not look upon the use of corruption funds, of which has been sent to North Carolina by your committee, nor upon that of the administration.

"The mass of the politicians are not with us. So much the better. The people can be heard in that National Convention, and I assure you that many who have not thought of it understand its importance) that this movement has ten times the strength which the self-constituted Cincinnati Convention had, and that we have solid constituencies to back us. Let him 'laugh loudest who laughs last.'

"I am sorry to be opposed to you, and yet I know that you personally respect me none the less for adhering to my conscientious convictions.

"As a contradiction to your paragraph I ask for an insertion of this. Yours truly,

"BLANTON DUNCAN.

"July 27, 1872."

STATE POLITICS.

A letter from Clearfield county says: "The surrender of the Democratic party to the hero of 'On to Richmond,' has occasioned much dissatisfaction within the ranks of the unterrified. The bitter pill of swallowing Greeley won't go down with the masses. So far as regards the State ticket there is more unanimity among Republicans here than now, and the effort of one of your daily papers to impeach the public that there is a disaffection in the Republican ranks on that question is looked upon as an hallucination."

Writing from Mercersburg, under date of July 26th, a correspondent says: "Old Franklin is all right; not a Republican Greeley man in either of the townships Montgomery or Petres hereabouts. All right on the State ticket, too. No trouble about here."

From and after to-day all tobacco not stamped and cancelled in accordance with the directions prescribed by the act of June 6th, will be seized by the government. The department officials did not issue any special circular about it, as they should have done, but trusted to early dissemination of the regulations, which were too long for any newspaper to print in full. Our own manufacturers of this article will do well to bear this in mind.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

Visiting Indians' Farewell Interview.

Civil Service Rules in Force.

The Public Debt Reduction.

Unprecedented Demand for Stamps.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31, 1872.

Farewell Interview with Indians.

Spotted Tail and his band of Sioux had their farewell interview with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior this afternoon and leave for New York to-morrow. The result of the visit is that Spotted Tail consents to the removal of his reservation to the White river some distance to the northward, as desired by the Interior Department, and professes entire satisfaction with the change and the general situation. This afternoon he asked permission to go with his band on a buffalo hunt on the Republican fork this fall, that his annuity goods might be issued semi-annually, and that a little money might be supplied his company to buy presents for their children on their return home. The last request will be granted. The goods will be distributed twice a year as soon as store houses adequate for their protection are completed, and permission for the hunt will be referred to the President for decision.

Civil Service Reform.

The Examining Board of the Treasury Department will hold a competitive examination on Friday for the Deputy Controllership of the Currency, vacant for several months. The competition will be restricted under the civil service rule to the clerks now employed in the bureau of the Controller, and in the event of no one of them being the standard for promotion the position will be then open to public competition. The number of applicants will not probably exceed half a dozen.

The Public Debt Reduction.

The reduction of the public debt this month has been less than usual, not more than two millions, in consequence of the large disbursements for interest on the public debt and the diminution of receipts under the new revenue law.

The President Aids William and Mary College

Prof. Benjamin S. Ewell, of William and Mary College, Va., and brother of the ex-rebel General Ewell, publishes a letter, in which he says that among the first appealed to in aid of the restoration of

The Daily Commercial.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1872.

In regard to the election in North Carolina to-day, we will say that in case the Republicans achieve a victory we shall be no less surprised than satisfied. We are prepared to hear that the Democrats have carried the State.

When Hartranft was fighting rebels to save the country, Buckalew was intriguing with them for its destruction. The record proves this. Both are before the voters of Pennsylvania for the highest office within their gift. Which is most deserving?

The opposition press finds it impossible to conceal its uneasiness respecting the mass convention of soldiers and sailors to be held in this city next September. One would have hardly thought that their old grudge against the blue coats had so much vigor and vitality in it, after the lapse of all these years. But it is clear that the uniform is as distasteful to them as it ever was, more's the pity and the shame.

The Pittsburgh *Post* pleads for forgetfulness of the past. If to forget the past were all that the *Post* asked of the voters of Pennsylvania, its prayer might be listened to. But it at the same time asks that enemies of the country in its darkest hour—notably Charles A. Buckalew—be rewarded with the highest honors that can be bestowed. The people can forget and even pardon treason, but will not reward the traitor.

The fact recently developed that Charles R. Buckalew was among the northern sympathizers with the rebellion who paid a visit to the rebel conspirators in Canada, and conferred with them in the interest of the Jeff. Davis Confederacy, has not yet engaged the attention of the Pittsburgh *Post*. But it has engaged the attention of people of all classes, who can never be brought to reward him with the highest honors within their gift for the services he rendered the rebel cause.

Recently the New York *Herald* published a pretended "interview" with Mr. Carmichael, the gentleman conspicuously connected with the Greeley-Seymour compact, wherein he was represented as denying previous statements affirming the truth of the report relative to the said compact. This "interview" has been paraded as Mr. Greeley's complete vindication; but it turns out that it was manufactured to order, for we learn from a Binghamton dispatch that "Mr. Carmichael now states that the whole report of the *Herald* correspondent, as published, is false in every particular, and that the correspondent has put words in his mouth that he never uttered." The defenders of Mr. Greeley will have to try again to extricate him from the damaging situation in which the original statement placed him.

The rebel leaders who went to Canada to carry on the war across the border, by burning cities, stimulating domestic rebellion and riot, and introducing pestilence throughout the North, had the good will of many Democratic leaders, some of whom made haste to pay them a visit and lend them their advice. Among others who did so was Charles R. Buckalew, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania at the present moment. All this appears from the report of Holcombe, and is, of course, indisputable. Holcombe refers to Vallandigham in the same connection as playing a similar part, and these two gentlemen, with others, by their presence or counsel, appear to have inspired the rebel chiefs with additional hope of success. What we wish to bring to the comprehension of the reader now is, that Buckalew and Vallandigham were co-operating, though the latter being a bolder man, was acting more openly, and for that reason, was perhaps the less dangerous of the two. Buckalew has precisely as much claim to the support of Pennsylvania that Vallandigham had to the support of Ohio at the time he was defeated by one hundred thousand, and no more. The extent and precise character of Buckalew's offense has come to light but recently, and this being the first time he has been before them since it became known, it is for the voters of the State to place the seal of their condemnation on him, just as the voters of Ohio did on Vallandigham.

WHAT DO THESE THINGS MEAN?

What did Horace Greeley mean, in his letter from Memphis to the New York *Tribune* of June 8th, last year, written on the 34 of that month, when he said—

"I am confident that two-thirds of the men, with nine-tenths of the women, who formerly composed the slaveholding caste, would this day give half their houses and lands to have their slaves back again, just as they possessed them in 1860. * * * THEY CONSIDER THEMSELVES ROBBED BY EMANCIPATION; and would like their property back again, or its VALUE IN SOME EQUIVALENT."

And what did he mean by saying, in the same letter, that "they"—the rebels—

"PROPOSE TO RENEW THE FIGHT, but not with gun and saber. THEY EXPECT TO REGAIN AS DEMOCRATS, THROUGH ELECTIONS, THE POWER THEY LOST AS REBELS THROUGH WAR."

And what did he mean when, in the same communication, speaking of the colored vote, he stated that—

"THEY WILL SEEK TO COERCE ENOUGH OF IT INTO VOTING THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET to give them a majority of the Southern electoral vote for next President."

And what does the following extract from the speech of Gov. Brown, of Tennessee, at a recent Greeley ratification meeting at Nashville, mean?

"He supported Greeley because he loved the South, hailed Jeff. Davis, advocated universal amnesty, and had no kinsfolk. He did not care what Greeley had said in the past against the South and its institutions. It was enough for him to know that now he was in favor of restoring her to her pristine rights. *Greeley, if elected, would pay the losses of the South*, and set her people on the high road to wealth and happiness."

And what are the tax payers of the country to infer from this statement of Goldaday, a Democratic Representative in Congress, made at the same time and place?

"Greeley, at the outset of the war, was in favor of letting the "wayward sisters depart in peace," and afterward went single handed and alone to meet our Commissioners in Canada, to treat for peace. Not a Democrat in the North dared go with him, or manifested any desire to go. *He was then in favor of paying the South for her slaves, and I believe he is still.*"

These statements of the candidate and his friends are respectfully recommended to the consideration of all men who believe that their taxes are already sufficiently heavy, and who propose that the results of the war shall stand as they are, untinkered and unimpaired.

CHARLES SUMNER AS A DEMAGOGUE.

It is hardly worth while to waste words on the defection of Senator Sumner. He has parted from us, and we sorrow at his going. The simple and sufficient answer to him and to all others who have preceded him or propose to follow in his footsteps is, that Greeley cannot do justice to the negroes, to the poor whites of the South and to the great interests of the national finances and business credit, and at the same time serve the old rebel Democracy and get from them the support necessary to sustain his administration. If Mr. Greeley is elected he cannot be at once a successful and useful President, as Senator Sumner believes he will be, and at the same time continue to receive the countenance of the old fashioned Democracy and the old disloyal element of the South, on whose continued success now depends. In any event, therefore, his election would be a mistake—since his administration, if conducted in the manner in which Mr. Sumner thinks it would be, must inevitably give rise to great bitterness on the part of his Southern advocates for his disregard of their desires—while if it were characterized by the same truckling spirit which distinguishes him now, it could reflect nothing but dishonor upon himself, and humiliation upon the country.

With reference to his astounding declaration that President Grant never did anything against slavery nor at any time showed any sympathy with the colored race, it is difficult to conceive how any man in his right senses could so deliberately falsify the recent and indisputable facts of history. This charge, indeed, is the keystone of Mr. Sumner's entire structure of complaint against the President, and this being displaced the whole fabric falls. *Falsus in unum falsi in omnibus.* It is hardly going too far to say that whatever rights and liberties the black race enjoy to-day are owing in a greater degree to President Grant than to any other man. Not only was he among the very first of the Union generals to declare that the safety of the Republic demanded the abolition of slavery, but, as a soldier, it was his sword that hewed the way for emancipation and rendered possible the reconstruction acts and amendments, while, as President, it has been his patience and firmness that have since sustained them and rendered them vital and effective. Against the massive silence of this simple fact all the speeches of Sumner and all the writings of Greeley are as chaff in the balance. Grant carved the road along which Freedom passed, while Greeley, by his secession doctrines, was rendering assistance to the Confederacy which had for its corner stone the institution of human slavery. The colored people know these things, and while the dishonest hypocrisy of the recreant Senator will cause them profound astonishment and sorrow—it will also cause them to rally all the more closely and unitedly around the banners which now, as during the war, mean to them safety and security and peace. For the Senator, however, having publicly cast his lot with the Democracy, it is to be hoped he will give his new friends the benefit of his services upon the stump. Let him take the field in the Southern States, and repeat upon the platform the utterances of his letter concerning the social rights of the colored race, and his denunciations of the Ku-Klux outrages which he condemns the President for not having suppressed. If he will do this he will presently come back a greatly insulted and humiliated, but much wiser and—if it is to be hoped—more truthful man.

SENATOR SUMNER'S LETTER.

Senator Sumner's long promised and long looked for letter defining his political position has at length appeared, and of course it has been or will be read with a certain interest by all persons concerned in the result of the canvass. To a class of Republicans, not very numerous but most worthy and respectable in character and reputation, the letter is purely a message of sorrow. We allude to the class of original abolitionists, the long and bitterly tried friends of the slave, who, animated by philanthropy alone, were content through scores of years to bear reproach and the spoiling of their goods in the cause of the down trodden African race. It is safe to say that to these men and women no more painful experience has befallen than to see Charles Sumner withdraw from their ranks, and, while the work is only half done, take a place among their enemies. Their grief over the great apostasy is not a matter of guess or conjecture, as leading representatives of the party have frequently within the last few months lifted up their voices in lamentation as well as remonstrance in mere anticipation of the possible catastrophe.

By the great mass of the Republican party, however, Mr. Sumner's defection will be borne with more equanimity. The Senator has been kind. While for many months laboring as a nominal Republican for the injury of his political friends, he has seemed to labor not less assiduously to reduce his own political influence as nearly to insignificence as time and opportunities admitted. In his vituperative harangue in the Senate against General Grant, it was manifest that he had kept nothing either of force or passion in reserve, and that the formal announcement of his preference in reference to a Presidential candidate was the single arrow still remaining in his quiver. Its discharge, his desertion into the hostile camp, first foreseen and then heralded, in some caused wonder at the power of petty resentment even in "celestial minds," and in others mortification in view of senatorial frailty; while others, still more or less under the influence of the Sumner superstition, could not help, as good Republicans, dreading the possible impression to be produced by the statement of his reasons for desertion.

To these timid folk the publication of the letter is a positive relief as well as surprise, as only the sight of the document suffced to convince them that the eminent Senator could sustain his detection by reasons no more satisfactory. First we have a parallel or contrast between the lives of Greeley and Grant, designed to recommend one and disgrace the other as a Presidential candidate in the judgment of negro readers. We fancy that even the simplest and most untaught of the class will wonder at the weakness of the logic. The question being whether they shall be protected in the enjoyment of their lately conferred rights against the arrogance and violence of their life-long enemies and oppressors, it is mere folly to ask them to prefer Greeley to Grant on any of the grounds mentioned in the letter. Greeley may have been born to poverty, as alleged, and may also always have been a friend of the blacks. Grant, indeed, may once have been a Democrat. But when the colored man reflect that Greeley wavered in the war, desired to patch up a premature peace, and now strikes hands with the hereditary enemies of their race for the sake of office, and when they recollect that Grant gave them freedom and has been their steadfast protector ever since, they are not likely to hesitate in their choice. They want in the President's office a man of strong will supported by a strong party, able as well as willing to take care of their rights, and to reject such a man for one of feeble character like Greeley with the Democratic party at his back would be childish in the extreme. They do not forgotten that the party which now seeks restoration to power through Greeley cast nearly three millions of votes for Seymour and Blair in 1868, and they well know that Greeley, elected by them and sustained by the millions of unrepentant rebels of the South, would be mere puppets in his hands.

Mr. Sumner's attempt to throw odium upon Grant, and to excite negro prejudice against him on account of the San Domingo affair, cannot but move the derision of his colored readers. Sumner says, "my early opposition to the treaty of annexation was reserved, so that for sometime my opinions were unknown. It was only when I saw the breach of law," etc. The truth is, that when first consulted on the subject by the President, the Senator was decidedly in favor of the treaty, and but for a private grievance he would have given it his influence in the Senate. At least this is the testimony of Mr. J. W. Forney, Sumner's great friend. He says: "I was present at Mr. Sumner's residence when President Grant called and explained the Dominican treaty to the Senator, and though I cannot recall the exact words of the latter, *I understood him to say that he would most cheerfully support the treaty.*" Mr. Forney then adds that "Mr. Sumner's *inducement of the treaty went very far to stimulate me in giving it my support.*" Mr. Sumner's indignation over the alleged affront offered by the President to the negroes of Hayti will not enlist no negro sympathy. They know that Dr. Howe, Mr. Wade and Frederick Douglass (the latter now on the stump for Grant), who favored the annexation of Dominica, are as friendly as Mr. Sumner to the African race, and would as promptly and earnestly resist every project for their injury. Indeed, it will not be surprising if Sumner's colored readers should suspect him of a piece of colossal affectation in this whole affair. At best, his red-hot invective is little better than war upon wind-mills or a churning of moonshine.

The mere delay in issuing his letter tends to injure its influence. Evidently Mr. Sumner had great difficulty in making up his mind to belie the convictions of his whole public life and to join the ranks of his bitter opponents. It was clearly a prolonged and strenuous struggle between passion and conviction; it was a "terrible temptation" under which he has fallen, and the warmest of his admirers will not soon cease to wonder at his weakness. The falsehoods, in the form of misrepresentation of General Grant which the letter contains, are so unworthy of the Senator and so characteristic of the demagogue that we refrain from referring to them in fitting terms.

GOV. CURTIN'S POSITION.

There is authority for the belief that those who have represented Gov. Curtin as prepared to advocate the cause of Greeley on his return home, have misrepresented him. Col. Forney, in the *Press* of Monday, says: "We may mention that the report that Andrew G. Curtin intends to return to Pennsylvania for the purpose of taking ground against the National standard-bearers of the Republican party is, and we think we are fully qualified to speak, entirely without authority." The *Staats-Zeitung*, of New York, is also informed that Gov. Curtin will not support Greeley, "because he has made up his mind to go for Grant." Remarking on this the *Sun* says:

"This intelligence is of such peculiarity that we are confident the *Staats-Zeitung*, notwithstanding its well known preference for Grant over Greeley, would not have promulgated it without being absolutely certain of its correctness."

THE GREELEY-SEYMOUR COMPACT.

Ex-Governor Salomon, one of the originators of the Reform movement, and a man of great weight and influence among the Germans, has written a letter in which he states that, the contest for President having been narrowed down to a choice between Grant and Greeley, he is earnestly in favor of the re-election of the former, on the ground that, while Greeley's election would not give the country the reforms which sincere men hope for, he has perfect confidence in the desire of President Grant to correct errors, and in the safety of the country under his administration. Governor Salomon's defection from the movement will considerably increase the disfavor with which it is regarded by our German fellow-citizens generally.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science will hold its next annual meeting at Dubuque, Iowa, on the 21st of the present month. Many of the most celebrated scientific men in the country have promised to be present. Professor Agassiz, fresh from his Antarctic explorations, will give the first fruits of those labors, upon which he entered with such eagerness, and which have been so enthusiastically prosecuted. Professor Ramsey, Director of the Geological Survey of Great Britain, is also expected, and the meeting will therefore be of special importance and interest to geologists. A thousand or fifteen hundred invitations have been sent out, but no American scientific men should stay away because his name has been omitted from the list.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

The tenth of August will soon be here, when the comet that is to knock us all to smithereens is to appear. Anyhow, if the comet should come, it will give us something beside politics to talk about—that is, if anybody is left to do the talking.

The other day a deer ran into a bayou to escape a party of Georgia hunters, when he and the two hounds that followed him had a desperate fight with two alligators, who finally gobbled up the whole lot and slid away from the gory waters with the best meal they had captured for many a day.

A society has been formed in New York for the purpose of detecting and bringing to justice impostors who practice upon the credulity of the charitable under the pretense of being engaged in works of benevolence. It has no reference to politics, however, so that Liberals will still be left without redress for being cheated.

An adventurous Michigander lately went by water to Chicago, a distance of over three hundred miles, in an open boat without compass or company, and compassed the voyage without mishap. Still he was a goose.

"Send us wives" is the cry from Washington Territory. Here is a fine opportunity for people who have any of the commodity they wish to get rid of.

The Island of Anticosti, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, is to be purchased by several Chicago, Montreal and Quebec capitalists, with a capital of two millions of dollars. They propose to colonize it with emigrants from Norway and Sweden.

A huge rattlesnake, which had got a kingfisher by the leg, was discovered in Indiana the other day, while a large number of other birds of all kinds had assembled in answer to the cry of the captive, and were attacking the snake from all quarters, to prevent him from swallowing the bird.

In London, under a recent patent, emery is mixed with asphalt to prevent the slipperiness of pavements made of that material.

The officers of a German ship recently visited the Fiji Islands, and had an audience of the king. He asked for a German consulate. The next German ship of war going that way is to carry King Thakombau some cannons and breech-loading guns.

Scarcely a week passes but the English papers have notice of an accident to one of the fleet of iron clads. Only a short time ago the Minotaur and Bellerophon ran into one another while leaving harbor for a cruise, causing considerable damage. Now the crank of one of the massive boilers of the Hercules has cracked, involving a heavy expense.

Wherever iron pipes are employed for conveying any heated medium, they should not be allowed to pass through wood work, unless protected by an earthen crock. The iron rust may be deoxidized, and upon reoxidizing it often becomes red hot. Many fires have occurred from this cause.

The grand jury of a criminal court in London recently indicted themselves, not as a nuisance precisely, but as a superfluity. They expressed the belief that the function of a grand jury is fully discharged by the inquiries of the committing magistrate.

The new school law of the State of Illinois now requires Physiology and the Laws of Life to be taught in the common schools. This shows progress. A similar requirement should be had in all the States.

In connection with the speculations as to whether animal or vegetable germs in the air are productive of disease, a distinguished savan offers the interesting suggestion, that possibly on the other hand they may bring life and vigor.

The exhalations of noxious vapors in the ground about Mount Vesuvius have greatly increased in number since the eruption began, and although extending but little higher than a foot above the surface, their influence is very destructive to small animals, as many as fifty dead birds having been picked up near them in one day.

Columbia College, New York, has established a scientific fellowship, to be awarded annually by competition among the members of the graduating class. The recipient becomes entitled to an annual income of five hundred dollars for three years, during which period he must pursue his studies under direction of the President of the College. Other educational institutions might profitably improve this suggestion.

The famous "Silver Island," about which so much is said, is located at the entrance of Thunder Bay, on the North Shore of Lake Superior. It is a little rock entirely destitute of vegetation, and not more than seventy feet in breadth above the water line, from which \$1,000,000, in silver ore has been taken within less than two years.

A new system of assessments has just gone into operation in California which increases the title of landed property three or four hundred per cent., and it is thought if the tax is fully collected, some of the large landholders will be obliged to sell out their lands and invite settlers on easy terms, a course which will probably be advantageous both to themselves and the State.

In this country and Europe there are one hundred and fifty manufactories of India rubber goods, employing five hundred operatives each, and consuming ten million pounds of gum every year.

Letters from Alabama give sad accounts of the ruin caused by high water in the Cahaba coal regions. One mine—that from which the recent Mobile supply has been chiefly obtained—is overflowed and will require at least six months to pump it out.

A new method of disposing of sewage, by making it into cement, has been practically and successfully tested in England. The principle of this most most curious process of utilization consists in mixing with the sewage quantities of lime and clay, the former ingredient combining with the carbonic acid of the fecal matters to form carbonate of lime, which is precipitated with the solid ingredients in the form of an impalpable powder.

A shipment of two millions of dollars of abraded or light coin from the New York subtreasury was received a few days ago at the Philadelphia mint. It is being made into double eagles, standard weight, as rapidly as possible. The whole amount of coin of this character to be received is \$20,000,000.

An important mass meeting of annexationists was held in Prince Edward's Island recently, a popular politician presiding. The movement was patronized by many leading Islanders, and addresses strongly denunciatory of England's miserable of the Colonies were hailed at every sentence with enthusiastic applause.

A new and fatal cattle disease, for which no remedy has yet been discovered, has broken out in some parts of the West. The animals, in apparently perfect health, will be suddenly seized with the disease, swell up, and die in a very short time. Horses are also seized with the same malady, and with fatal effect.

A most extraordinary case of imposture has just been brought to light in England. Several years ago a wealthy, but reckless London banker and member of Parliament—Sir John Sadlier—supplemented his criminal squandering of the deposits of his bank by a series of audacious forgeries, and, as was firmly believed, at the time, by a suicide's death. For, simultaneously with the exposure of his villainies there was found near London, a dead body, with a suicide's written confession lying beside it. A servant identified the remains, the body was buried, and gradually the memory of the man and his crimes began to fade from the public mind. Now comes the news that the dead man had not died. Last month he was seen by one of his victims at a hotel in France. English detectives were telegraphed for, a requisition was issued, and the embezzler and forger was arrested and is now in prison. The servant and a "resurrectionist" had prepared the body that was found, and Sadlier, after writing the confession, had fled to the Continent, where he has lived for years. It is one of the most wonderful cases of the century.

We have already mentioned the fact that nearly every known volcano in the world had recently either broken out into violent eruptions or was at present giving unmistakable signs of interior activity. The latest reported evidences of this general volcanic disturbance come from Mexico, where the two great volcances of Colima and Soborneo, which for centuries have been perfectly quiescent, are now in a state of eruption. Immense lava flows and burning stones, shot from the volcanoes, have ret the forests on fire, which, however, were extinguished. At the foot of Colima fissures have been opened which vomit forth flames that, on some occasions, set the sugar plantations in its vicinity on fire. That there is some intimate connection between the various volcanoes of the globe, widely separated from each other as many of them are, would seem, from the simultaneousness of these commotions, to be beyond question. It is an interesting study for scientists.

A patent for a new boiler improvement has just been granted, the object of which is to strengthen the heads of steam boilers, by riveting bars on the inside, at suitable distances, along the entire length of the boiler. These bars are bent only at the points of riveting, and extend straight across the boiler. The patent also relates to increasing each rivet with a thimble, which hold the angles of the bars at a distance from the inside of the shell, so as to prevent sediment or incrustations from filling up the space between them.

PERSONAL.

Notable among the notabilities of all sorts that have been collected together at Geneva this year is Ralph Keeler, the prince of American Bohemians—the man who, at home, has been in turn canal boat driver, negro minstrel and writer in the *Atlantic Monthly*; who has tramped all over Europe, paying his way by playing on his banjo, as goldsmith long before paid his by the notes of his flute, and who crowned all this rich experience by taking a degree at the Heidelberg University. Keeler is now in the service of the Harpers, of New York, and is "doing up" for their monthly, with pen and pencil, the Swiss and German watering places.

The conundrum which exercised the brains of curious people for some time, viz.: "Who killed Fred. Loring?" it seems has not been satisfactorily answered yet. The first outcry was that the Wickenburg massacre was one of the diabolical outrages of the merciless savage, but evidence began to indicate that it was done by white men. This induced the conclusion that the term merciless savage does not apply to the red man alone. Now comes Dr. Tonner, agent for the Arizona tribes, and denies that the plan was laid and executed by Mexicans.

Miss Mary L. Pruyn, who is at the head of an educational institution in Japan, has written our commissioner an interesting letter in regard to education in that country, in which she says that the schools established by the Women's Union Mission, of New York, cannot accommodate all the Japanese youth who apply for admission.

Gustav Dore is said to be in despair at Miss Nilsson's marriage to M. Rouzand. In fact he is a living picture of desolation. The poor man takes it sorely to heart, for he a-dore-d her.

The name of Fanny Ellsler is almost forgotten here—but there is fresh mention of her in the gossip of a Paris correspondent. "The father of the King of Portugal is in Paris, accompanied by his morganatic wife, the Countess d'Elda, once the dancer Fanniq Ellsler. The ex-majesty, a king on the ground floor, is merely a worthy husband on the first, where the countess lives. He is said to be very affable, and no less kindly than the kindly dancer, who charmed Paris for years in company with her no less charming sister. They are like a remembrance, a shadow of the happy times of Taglioni."

Robert Collyer says that he has written many sermons in the Pullman cars. This may perhaps account for some of his most progressive thoughts, as well as for his rapid delivery.

Rev. Abner Phelps, a rising young doctor of divinity of Boston, aged ninety-three, trotted over to Andover a few days since to see his brother, another minister, who being in his eighty-third year begins to feel the infirmities of age. After rounding the youth better than he expected, and the two had a rollicking time together.

Injunction or no injunction, Chicago Cheney is going to Europe. His parishioners have raised with a leave of absence in one hand and the wherewithal for the journey in the other.

Even the staid and scholarly President of Amherst College got elated at the success of the crew in the University race. When the news of the victory of their boys at the regatta, some one, in his joy, began to ring the college bell. President Stearns soon made his appearance and wanted to know what was going on. "They've won," was the response. "Who? what?" said he. "Why, our crew at Springfield." "Then ring," shouted the now excited President, "ring it till it cracks!"

The death is announced, at the age of forty-two, from typhus fever, of Alexander Hilferding, one of the most erudite of Russian scholars, and a chief authority on all questions concerning the various Slavonic peoples. He died at Kargopol, on the 24 of July. While on a journey of exploration to certain imperfectly known districts of the Archangel government. He had published numerous works on Slavonic literature.

American Inventors in Turkey.

The Turkish government lately resolved to rearm the whole of their infantry, and to adopt the best rifle that could be found. For a long time already they had been converting their muzzle-loaders into Sniders, but these having been superseded, in the estimation of the best authorities, by certain small-bored rifles, it was determined to adopt one of the latter. In consequence of this determination of the government, there have been recently gathered together in Pera agents of all the best rifle manufacturers in the world—the firms of Peabody, Remington, Winchester, Henry, Martini-Henry, Berdan, &c. The American agents were very active in trumpeting forth the merits of every special contrivance invented in their country for the wholesale slaughter of mankind. A committee sat and puzzled itself with the arguments and experiments brought before it. Various combinations were proposed, and various means, direct and indirect, were used to persuade the commissioners and bring over their minds, but each commissioner seemed to have his favorite gun, and the Sultan himself cut short the question with all their considerations by deciding in favor of the Martini-Henry rifle.

A Part of the Greeley Game.

There are millions of dollars of rebel claims on file in Washington, barred and rejected by the present rigid rules of the Treasury; but the complaints of claim agents now, and their boasts of what will be done if there is a change of administration, show that these claimants and their attorneys have received assurances that in such an event these demands shall be paid. We warn the people of the country against this deep-laid conspiracy. Three thousand million of dollars are at stake, and no efforts will be spared to accomplish the end. The success of the scheme means the enriching of the leaders of the coalition, and the financial bankruptcy and ruin of the nation. We beg no Republican to be deceived by his previous opinions of Mr. Greeley. The man's corrupt bargaining with Democratic politicians is proven. His advocacy of the payment of pensions to rebel soldiers is fastened upon him. His guilt can be no greater when the whole iniquity is exposed, for the essential traits of treachery and fraud are already branded upon him. We cannot prevent this scandal to American politics, but we can prevent its rising into the dignity of a consummated crime, and to this purpose let every patriotic citizen devote himself.

American Paintings in England.

The London critics are praising the arctic pictures of the American artist Bradford, which are now on exhibition at a gallery in Haymarket. The *Daily News* says: "An Arctic summer, as Mr. Bradford paints it, with the glorious sky turning the fields of ice into a rosy region of enchanting color, with hills and mountains and valleys strange and wonderful to look upon. The rocks are emerald and the waters liquid sapphire, and were it not for those awful bears we could agree with Dickens's John Want, who 'never trembled,' when he said the North Pole was nice compared with England, which was a nasty draughty place." Certainly Mr. Bradford has the artist gift of conferring beauty on a scene which must partake so largely of the dismal and terrible."

A very fine painting, by Loutze, which has hung for years in the gallery of a country residence near Cincinnati, its owner all the while having been in ignorance of its great value, has just been discovered. The subject is the defeat of Braddock, and it is said to be admirably treated. The English troops are crowded into a valley, and are falling in confusion with the thickets. On the right, Washington, with a small squad of soldiers, is managing a howitzer. The only Indian visible stands high on a rock, with a look of conscious triumph on his face. The hiding places of his comrades are marked by the puffs of white smoke from their rifles. The Chicago *Tribune* says it is one of the finest battle pieces extant. In view of the great local interest attaching to the subject of the painting, couldn't an effort be made to purchase it for this city?

It is curious to see how the New York *Tribune* is driven, for instance: the other day it published a list of "Grant defaulters" as it styled them. An examination brought out the fact that the list includes many of Mr. Greeley's supporters. It begins with Barton Able, of St. Louis, who it charges has \$250,000 unaccounted for as Collector of the First district. Mr. Able is one of the leading Democrats of Missouri, and he is one who has funds to contribute to the "cause." Going on down it includes several of lesser note, and it is probable that a complete examination will reveal half of those who have been thus publicly exposed to be supporters of Mr. Greeley.

The peach crop in the State of Delaware this season is estimated by the Peach-growers' Association of that State to be one million five hundred thousand baskets, which is perhaps only about half the quantity grown in the State last year. But as the qualities of the fruit will be very fine, the one million five hundred baskets will be equal to the three million baskets of very poor fruit last year. New Jersey will probably have as many or more peaches than last season. So, taking into consideration the superior quality of the fruit this year over last, we can count upon a better crop of peaches this year than last.

One of the best financiers in the country recently remarked that we were coming slowly to a very sound financial basis, and that in probably two years we would fall into an easy condition, and that the only thing necessary is to stop legislating about finances, and let every step be towards a return to specie payments. Thus, he says, we can without shock to business, have gold as our currency basis, and bonds to negotiate the financial world will clutch at as sweet morsels.

Near Cayuga Lake, a curious freak in nature is presented. It is an oak and pine tree growing together, so closely connected as to present the appearance of one tree, and in fact they might be so called, for they are so nearly grown together at the root that no division line can be seen, and the bark has nearly the appearance of that of pine.

The Popular Vote for President.

As a matter of reference, interesting as we are entering into a new political campaign, we have compiled the popular vote of the country for President since 1824, giving in the first column the vote for the successful candidate, with his name, and in the second the vote of the opposition candidate or candidates:

1824.	Van Buren	762,587	Harrison	737,711
1840.	Harrison	1,274,203	Van Buren	1,128,303
1844.	Polk	1,329,013	Opposition	1,337,947
1848.	Taylor	1,362,232	Opposition	1,515,173
1852.	Pierce	1,606,505	Opposition	1,551,212
1856.	Buchanan	1,838,232	Opposition	2,216,221
1860.	Lincoln	1,866,452	Opposition	2,819,741
1864.	Lincoln	2,216,437	McClellan	1,808,725
1868.	Grant	3,013,088	Seymour	2,705,600

It will be seen that from 1824 to 1860, inclusive, no less than four Presidents were elected by a minority vote of the people, though they had the requisite electoral majority. In 1844 Mr. Polk had a majority over Mr. Clay, on the popular vote, of only 37,370, while the Abolition vote for James G. Birney was 62,304. In 1848 Gen. Taylor had a majority of about 140,000 over Cass, but was in a minority of 150,000 against the combined votes of Cass and Van Buren. In 1852 Pierce had but a slight majority over the opposition. In 1856 Buchanan was in a popular minority, as against Fremont and Fillmore, of nearly four hundred thousand; while, in 1860, Mr. Lincoln, though having a plurality of the popular vote, and a majority of the electoral, was in the minority as against the total vote of Douglas, Bell and Breckinridge. The total popular vote cast for President in 1860 was 1,991,298. In 1868 it was 5,716,688, having nearly quadrupled in thirty-two years. When we take into account the addition to our voting population since 1868, by the passage of the fifteenth amendment, the removal of the disabilities of a large number of Southern rebels, and the natural growth of the country, we shall expect a total vote at the coming Presidential election of very nearly *seven millions*.

Why the Omissions?

There recently was a correspondence between Senator Schurz and Horace Greeley, which the Senator indorsed in his St. Louis speech. But, curiously enough, in sending this correspondence forth from St. Louis, the following paragraph in Schurz's letter was omitted:

"*As you are undoubtedly aware, your opponents in the press charge that you are so closely with, and under the influence of, politicians of doubtful character; that, if you are elected President, such men would be likely to be appointed to influential offices; and, that, therefore, the cause of reform has nothing to hope from you.*"

And also the following from Greeley to Schurz:

"I pass over the allusion to my political associates, barely remarking that an imputation so vague can never be specifically repelled. Charity is a virtue rarely exemplified in politics; and most men live and die in the undoubting conviction that their political opponents are the greatest scoundrels unhung. I trust that my age and your experience have lifted us above such prejudices, enabling us to realize that the many sincerely desired the greatest public good, even when most mistaken in their choice of means. I know who my friends are better than my traducers do, and fear no scrutiny as to the integrity or patriotism of any to whom I give my confidence. And, should any such ever seek to swerve me from the path of rectitude, they would cease to be regarded by me as friends."

Now why these omissions, except that Schurz embodied the very point which bears most heavily against Greeley, while Greeley does not deny the soft impeachment?

Some one has written to the *University Monthly* to inquire if any changes in the weather are attributed to the influence of the moon. The editor referred the communication to Commodore Maury. His answer will disappoint a good many weather wise folks. The changes of the moon have no effect upon the weather. The moon changes, says Commodore Maury, every 7.2 days, consequently every change in the weather must take place within the period of 3.6 days, either before or after a moon changes. Hence the popular fallacies about the changes and the weather, for every weather change must be within 3.6 days before or after a moon change, and her worshipers give her all the credit for it. The moon governs the tides, but not the atmosphere. The most faithful observers have failed to detect any tide in the latter, or any variableness charged to the moon's influence. So this vexed question may be considered as set at rest.

Revolutions Never Go Backward.

The philosophical theory that the human system when weakened by disease, oppressive heat, excessive labor or any other cause, should be toned and invigorated instead of being subjected to the action of depleting drugs, is gaining ground every day. The introduction of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters twenty years ago gave a powerful influence to this common sense idea. As the extraordinary efficacy of the Great Vegetable Restorative became known, multitudes of debilitated invalids turned with loathing from the nauseous and strength-destroying potions with which it was then the fashion to drench the sick, to this renovating, appetizing and healing preparation derived from the finest roots, herbs and barks placed by botanical research at the disposal of medical science. Revolutions never go backward. From that time to the present the importance of assisting and reinforcing nature in her struggles with disease has been more and more widely and keenly appreciated by the sick and the suffering. In tens of thousands of households Hostetter's Bitters are looked upon as the one thing needful in cases of Dyspepsia, General Debility, Constipation, Nervous Weakness, Chills and Fever, Bilious Affections and all conditions of the body and mind that betoken a lack of vital energy. When the quicksilver ranges high, and the solid flesh is resolving itself into a den under the fevrid temperature, this agreeable tonic is the best possible safeguard against all the disorders generated by a sultry and unwholesome atmosphere. It prevents and relieves lassitude and langnor, and enables the system to endure with impunity an unusual amount of exertion. Of all invigorating and regulating medicines, it is the purest and most wholesome.

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TO THE

Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Joint Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment of the Constitution of that Commonwealth be proposed to the people for their adoption or rejection, pursuant to the provisions of the tenth article thereof, to wit:

AMENDMENT.

Strike out the sixth section of the sixth article of the Constitution and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"A State Treasurer shall be chosen at the qualified electors of the State, at such times and for such term of service as shall be prescribed by law."

WILLIAM ELLIOTT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JAS. S. RUTAN,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved—The twenty-second day of March, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

JNO. W. GEARY.

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FRANCIS JORDAN,
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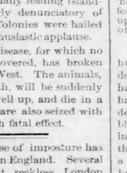

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The largest single financial transaction he world has ever seen has been formally announced, and the cable te'egraph tells us t has been successfully accomplished. The French government went into the market for money which could not but have temporarily an unsettling influence, and it is yet to be seen whether the carrying into detail of the placing this loan will not create considerable disturbance in the foreign exchange market.

—Gold is now at 15-1 per cent. premium, after seven years of peace. When the French war closed gold was quoted in Paris at no time over ¼ of one per cent. premium. Of the bonds authorized by the funding bill passed by the last Congress, there remains undisposed of $300,000 five per cents, besides the 4s and 4½ per cents. These must be sold at par in gold or exchanged for five-twenties, dollar for dollar. If we go into the European market with our four, four and one-half and five per cent. bonds offered at par, we are met by this new French loan of $600,000,000 bearing five per cent. interest, which has been placed on the market at 82. When the success of the French loan has been heralded throughout the country as a mark of the superior confidence of European capitalists in French as compared with American credit. There is little doubt if We should offer our 5 per cent. bonds at the same figure, 82 per cent., they would be as readily taken. Two years ago General Schenck said "wait," but Congress overruled him and pushed through the funding bill. We had better now take that advice, and wait for two years longer, when we shall most likely be able to place a four per cent. loan on the European market without difficulty.

Our five per cent. gold bonds are quoted to-day in London at 90¾.

—Messrs. Ira B. McVay & Co. report the following quotations of Government bonds in New York to-day, as furnished them by Jay Cooke & Co., their correspondents:

	Morning.	Evening.
U. S. Bonds of 1881	118	118
U. S. Bonds of 1862	116½	116½
U. S. Bonds of 1864	116½	116½
U. S. Bonds of 1865	116½	116½
U. S. Bonds of 1865 (new)	115½	115½
U. S. Bonds of 1867	116	116
U. S. Bonds of 1868	115½	115½
10-40s	113½	113½
New 5s	114	114
Gold	115½	115½
Currency 6s	114½	114½

—James T. Brady & Co., corner of Fourth avenue and Wood street, quote United States securities in New York to-day as follows:

Gold	114½
United States 6s of 1881	117
United States 5-20s of 1862	115½
United States 5-20s of 1864	115½
United States 5-20s of 1865	115½
United States 10-40s	112½
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1865	114½
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1867	115½
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1868	115½
United Pacific Railroad	115
Central Pacific Railroad	
Currency Pacific	114½

—The following table shows the prices of railway stocks, gold, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day:

July 31, 1872.	10:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:30 P. M.	1:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
Gold	115½	115½	115½	115½	115½	115½
Canton	56½					
Western Union Tel	85½	85½	85½	85½	85½	85½
Quicksilver	40¾	40¾	40¾	40¾		
Pacific Mail	28¾	28¾	28¾	28¾	28¾	28¾
Adams Express						
Wells Fargo Express	98	98	98	98		
American Express	54	54	54	54		
United States Express	70	70	70	70		
New York Central	98¾	98¾	98¾	98¾	98¾	98¾
New York Central Scrip	96	96	96	96	96	96
Erie	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾
Reading	93	93	93	93	93	93
Michigan Central	97	97	97	97	97	97
Michigan Southern	92½	92½	92½	92½	92½	92½
Illinois Central			131	131		
Cleveland and Pitts	95½	95½	95½	95½	96	96
Chicago and Northwest	75½	75½	75½	75½	75½	75½
Do. preferred	92½	92½	92½	92½	92½	92½
Rock Island	112½	112½	112½	112½	112½	112½
St. Paul	39	39	39	39	39	39
Do. preferred	79	79	79	79	79	79
Wabash						
Do. preferred	96½	96¾	96¾	96¾	96¾	96¾
Fort Wayne	97½	97½	97½	97½	97½	97½
Ohio and Mississippi						
Chicago and Alton						
Do. preferred						
Boston, Hartford & Erie			7¾			
Harlem	129		129			
New Jersey Central	97½	97½	97½	97½	97½	97½
Union Pacific						

—Messrs. Bowen & Fox, brokers and members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, furnish the following quotations of the closing prices to-day of the most active stocks:

Penn's Central	59½	Lehigh Valley R. R.	59½
Phila. and Erie	28	North Penn'a R. R.	50½
Lehigh Navigation	43	United Cos of N. J.	126½
Catawissa	16½	Schuylkill Navigat'n	15¾
Oil Creek & Alley R.	35½	Reading	98½

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, July 31.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat—6 cases light and inferior grades firm; No. 1 Milwaukee $1 26; No. 2 Milwaukee $1 25¾. Corn dull and declined; No 2 mixed 42¾c. Oats—demand fair and market firm; No 2 36¾@36¾c. Rye—demand light and holders firm; No 1 44c. Barley firm and in fair demand; No 2 fall 66c.

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, July 31, 1872.

REMARKS.—There are no changes in the market rates worthy of particular mention. The volume of business is considered fair for the season. The arrivals of flour continue heavy, and the receipts of wheat have not fallen off. Dealers report an improved demand for all kinds of produce. Good table butter is in demand. Eggs find ready sale at quotations, if they are strictly fresh. Mild rich cheese in good condition is in demand. Fine cherries continue active, and the same is true of flour, bacon and provisions. Upon the whole the market is considered satisfactory for the season. The following are the receipts of the leading articles of produce for the past two weeks:

	Last week.	This week.	Total.
Flour, bbls	5,108	6 922	12,030
Apples, bbls	299	1,135	1,434
Cheese, boxes	1,413	1,414	2,827
Corn, sacks	2,481	3,235	5,716
Wheat, sacks	3,058	3,333	6,391
Barley, sacks	690	300	990
Rye, sacks		304	304
Oats, sacks	5,542	8,991	14,533
Butter, packages	207	206	413
Bacon, pieces	6,259	5,862	12,121
Bacon, tierces	1,846	509	1,755

Following are the receipts of the leading articles of produce for July for the past four years:

	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
Flour, bbls	16,668	13,981	19,195	19,078
Apples, bbls	1,056	444	1,290	1,797
Cheese, tons	3,429	4,232	6,010	4,699
Corn, sacks	19,244	2,946	14,315	9,499
Wheat, sacks	11,783	14,924	9,378	6,391
Barley sacks		2,844	471	1,980
Rye, sacks	5,461	1,813	1,980	990
Oats, sacks	14,270	20,110	22,816	28,33
Butter, packages	785	485	891	78
Bacon, boxes		2,886	5,225	20,679
Bacon, tcs		1,988	2,742	4,176

Below we give a carefully revised report of the wholesale prices, unless otherwise noted:

APPLES—Receipts 84 bbls. The market is dull and drooping, with sales at 50@75c ₰ bbl; $2 25 @ $3 00 per bbl.

APPLE BUTTER—There is an active demand, and a prime article finds ready sale at 70@80c per gallon.

ASHES—Common soda ash, unsettled, 4½ @ 5c ₰ lb; refined do for 58 ₰ lb; pulc nitrate soda 4¾c; arsenic 3¾c; pots 10c; pearls 11c.

BUTTER—The supply is fully equal to the demand. We are reported sales of choice packed, suitable for table use at 17a18c ₰ lb.

BROOM CORN—Market steady, with sales at 5a5½c ₰ lb.

BEANS—Prime white navy sell in a jobbing way at $2 25@2 00 ₰ bushel.

CHEESE—The market is rather dull, with small sales fancy at 14 00; No. 1, $3 50; No. 2 $3 00; No. 3, $2 25; common $1 75@2 25 ₰ box.

BAKING POWDER—Banner—Quarter pound cans, per doz, $1 75; half pound cans $2 25 per doz; one pound cans $6 00 per doz; five pound cans $30 00 per doz; ten pound boxes, ₰ lb, 40c.

BACON AND PROVISIONS—There has been no change in prices since the recent advance, and trade is reported fairly active. Following are the selling figures at which sales are made: Sugar cured hams 16c; sugar cured shoulders 11c; plain shoulders 7½c; rib sides 9c; clear rib sides 9c; clear sides 10c; breakfast bacon 13½c; dried beef 20c; mess pork $16 50; lard in tierces 10c; lard in kegs 10½c; lard in buckets 11½c. It will be seen that sugar cured hams have advanced ½c; rib sides ¼c; clear rib ½c; clr sides ½c. Receipts—Bacon, tierces, 123; tcs 58, pieces, 1,522.

CHEESE—Receipts 456 boxes. Cheese, unless put up in good order, will not keep this warm weather, and dealers assert that much that is now coming in is in a "slippery" condition. We quote New York Goshen at 11¾a12½c; Ohio Factory at 10¾a11¾c; Dairy 9a10.

COUNTRY MEATS—Hams 9a10c ₰ lb; clear sides 6a6½c ₰ lb; shoulders 5a5c ₰ lb; country lard 8a9c ₰ lb as per quality.

COAL—Now is the time to fill your cellars and coal sheds. We quote lump, 10c; nut coal, 7a8c; slack, 4½c per bushel.

CANDLES—Sales of standard brands, round lots, at 21c; in a jobbing way, 22c.

CEMENT—Sells in Pittsburgh Hydraulic at $2 00@2 25 ₰ bbl; Louisville $2 50@2 75. Calcined plaster $4a4 50. Land plaster $3 25@3 50.

CORN MEAL—The market is quiet and inactive, with sales in a jobbing way, at $3 25a3 50 per bbl.

CANDLES—Stearine, 14 ounces, 18½c; full weight, 16c; star, 14 ounces, 18c; full weight 19½c.

CONSOLIDATED—Petroleum, 22½c.

CANNED GOODS—Peaches, (3 lb cans) $6 c6 50a7 00 ₰ case; tomatoes, $4 50a5 00; corn, $5 50a6 00a7 00 ₰ case as per quality and favor of the brands.

GROCERIES—Leading grocers declare that the demand in this line continues large, beyond expectation, nor do they look for any material diminution until about the middle of August. Coffee, as before noted, has advanced in the East fully ½ per cent. gold, but as yet no change has been made in prices here, but an advance may come any day. Refined sugars point upward, having advanced ¼c in the East. The following are the prices at which actual sales are made.

Coffee—Fancy Rio coffee 25,at;tricly prime 24c; prime 24c; good 23¾c; fair 21¾c; roasted in one pound papers 27c.

Refined Sugars—Granulated sugar 13c; Powdered sugar 13¾c; A do 12c; B do 11¾c; extra C 11¼c. Chesapeake extra C 11¼a11¾c.

New Orleans Molasses—Prime 80c; good 75c; fair 70c.

Syrups—Union syrup 75c; H & E fancy 65c; H & E extra 60c; H & E No 1 55c.

Rice—Carolina, choice, 9¼c; Rangoon, 8c.

Spices—Grain pepper, 23c; allspice 16; Cassia 50c; nutmegs $1 25.

Extracts—Dealers complain of the unusual amount of "bogus eggs" scattered through shipments marked "prime fresh." The ruling figure is 15c ₰ dozen.

FLOUR—Receipts 1,633 bbls. The market continues unchanged. Sellers and buyers continue apart in their views, the latter taking just sufficient to meet immediate wants. Old wheat flours are held firmly, and we have heard of sales extra brands at $10 ₰ bbl. Spring brands can be bought at concessions. No new flour in the market. Following are the ruling figures at which sales are made: Old wheat flour from stores at $9 00 per barrel, whilst medium grades command $8 50a8 75. Western springs are dull; sales at from $8 50a9 00. Mill rates: National, white wheat, $9 00; Pan Handle Southern amber, $9 20; Morning Glory, red winter, $9.

GRAIN—The following are the receipts of wheat, oats, barley and corn, since our last:

Wheat, sacks	1,360	Oats, sacks	1,440
Corn, sacks	820	Rye sacks	120

It will be seen that the receipts of wheat are on the increase, being 1,960 against 1 5. We have not the slightest change to report in prices. Dealers report a firm feeling, and look for higher figures. The new crop is coming in slowly, and is pronounced of prime quality, but as yet is not sufficiently dry to grind by itself, and has to be mixed with old or tempered. The report of a short crop of wheat across the water, creating the possible contingency that this country will be called upon to supply the old world with breadstuffs, is having its effect in stiffening the wheat market. We quote red winter $1 soa 1 90; amber $1 90a2 05; fall do $1 90a2 00; white $1 90a2 05; No 2 spring, $1 70a1 75. Corn—yellow, shelled, 62c; mixed 60c. Oats—Market quiet, with sales of 48c ₰ bush; mixed 43¼

The Pope County Affair—The Governor Threatens Martial Law—Courts Overawed—Law Resisted—Officers Killed, Etc.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., July 31.—The Governor yesterday issued his proclamation threatening to-day issued his proclamation threatening to declare martial law in Pope county. After reviewing the cause of the trouble he says: "I am further informed that Judge May has issued warrants for the arrest of ten persons, whose names are now unknown to me, charged with firing upon a Sheriff's posse, killing and wounding several. These warrants, I am advised, were served on at least the most of them, and about forty witnesses subpœnaed by defendants. I am also advised that at the day set for the hearing of the ten persons arrested on the charge of firing on the Sheriff's posse, etc., the prisoners came into court armed with double-barrelled shot guns and navy revolvers; that forty witnesses were similarly armed, and that from forty to sixty other persons, all of whom were armed with double-barrelled shot guns and pistols, and who in no manner constituted a part of the guard for the prisoners, accompanied them to the place where the examination was to be held. This, I am advised, was done against the advice and over the protest of counsel for the prisoners. The counsel for and on behalf of the State, by reason of these violent and revolutionary proceedings and threats of violence made in his hearing, was constrained to withdraw from the prosecution where the Court and its officers would be compelled to be held. The prisoners and witnesses subpœnaed in their behalf were all armed to the teeth, denying the authority of the Judge and his jurisdiction in the premises. The Sheriff and his party have submitted themselves to the law, and, so far as I am informed, have kept the peace and their assurances to me. The persons charged with firing upon the Sheriff and his posse have not given me bail, and I am advised that citizens of Pope county in the vicinity of Dover are now in arms and determined to resist the authority of the law and its officers. I do not desire to place Pope county under martial law, or subject its citizens to loss of property consequent upon quartering military in the county, but the law must and shall be enforced, respected and obeyed, and if necessary the entire force of the State will be called out for that purpose. Citizens must return to their homes, lay down their arms, and attend to the daily avocations of life."

Judge May, in an official letter to the Governor, received this evening, after mentioning the release of the Sheriff and his posse, says: "It denies the truth of the report that his court was intimidated, and proceeding against the ten persons referred to. They have surrendered themselves, giving his illness as a reason for their non-prosecution. He also strongly urges him not to proceed to the extremity of declaring martial law under the present aspect of affairs.

Judge Barnard's Impeachment Trial.

SARATOGA, July 31.—James Irving, Jr., testified that Barnard signed the discharges of violators of the election law at his house. The writ of discharge being read, it was found that he indorsed "prisoners not charged with this offense, discharged." Further testimony showed that no such return was made with the writ. Two detectives testified that they were employed to shadow Barnard in March and April of '69; saw Barnard enter the house of Mike Mansfield; also saw Barnard at the Erie office. Horace F. Clark, President of the Union Pacific Railroad, testified that he knew no more reputable men than those men mentioned by the road at the time; Barnard added to them as second; the removal of the company's office caused great inconvenience and embarrassment. The counsel for the prosecution here closed their case.

The Steamboat Explosion on the Mississippi—Inspector Censured.

DUBUQUE, IA., July 31.—A reporter of the *Herald* visited McGregor to-day to obtain further particulars regarding the second steam tug explosion near that place. Of the twenty-two persons aboard the boat at the time of the explosion all are killed except seven. Before the Coroner's inquest on the body of Charles Young resulted in a verdict to the effect that a defective flue was the cause of the accident, and censuring the Government Inspector for accepting the boat's register instead of using the proper instrument on making the test of her boilers.

President Grant's Reception at Utica.

UTICA, N. Y., July 31.—This afternoon the President received the citizens of Utica in the Opera House, and was introduced to them by Senator Conkling. Six thousand people were present, a great many having come from a long distance to see the President. In the evening the "Utica Citizens Corps" serenaded the President and were presented. The Veteran Zouaves were entertained later in the evening. The President visits Trenton Falls to-morrow and leaves on Friday. He has received invitations to visit Syracuse, Rochester, Oswego, Rome, Watertown, Lowell, and other cities, but is compelled to decline them.

Baltimore Wholesale Notion House Burned.

BALTIMORE, July 31.—About half-past eleven to-night a fire broke out in the large five story warehouse, No. 170 Baltimore street, occupied by Dreer, Jordan & Co., wholesale notion dealers. The fire swept the building from basement to loft, destroying a large stock of goods. Loss heavy.

THE Boston *Advertiser*, referring to the Livingstone letters, more especially the second, to which his name is signed, says: "It reads as if 'our special war correspondent' has found an African note-book, and padded the notes with the catch-phrases and ready-made moralizing which every well furnished correspondent carries in his carpet-bag. If Dr. Livingstone wrote the letters, he has adapted his style to his medium of communication with remarkable facility. Again: 'The only comfort for the men of science who have had some respect for Dr. Livingstone is, that when he gets out of Stanley's clutches his style may improve, and that he will tell them some things they would like to know.'"

The "Land Mortgage Union," a California corporation upon the same principles as those of the various British building land societies, has recently been organized in San Francisco. Its object is to loan money upon farms, mills, etc., and thus to facilitate the purchase of land by working men.

RIVER REPORT.

War Department, Signal Service, U. S. A., Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce.

July 31, 1872, 3 P. M.

Stations.	Depth.	*Rise. Feet.	Inch.	*Fall. Feet.	Inch.
St. Paul	....	0	0	0	0
Fort Benton	....	0	0	0	0
Omaha	11.8	0	4	0	0
Davenport	....	0	0	0	0
Leavenworth	10.2	0	0	0	6
Kansas City	9.0	0	0	0	4
Cairo, Ills	29.7	0	0	0	0
St. Louis, Mo	18.6	0	0	0	6
Pittsburgh, Pa	5.3	0	0	0	11
Cincinnati, Ohio	14.9	0	0	0	11
Louisville, Ky	12.7	0	0	0	7
Memphis, Tenn.	16.3	0	0	0	0
Vicksburg, Miss	....	0	0	0	0
Shreveport, La	....	0	0	0	0
Nashville, Tenn.	6.0	0	0	1	10
New Orleans, La	....	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Nashville—Above low water.
New Orleans—Below high water mark.
*Rise and fall in last twenty-four hours.

ADDITIONAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, July 31.—River fourteen feet eight inches and falling. Arrived—Liberty No. 4, Wheeling; Minnesota, St. Louis; Kate Palmer, Marietta. Departed—Chariot, Evansville; Anna, Memphis; H. S. Turner, New Orleans; Juniata, Pittsburgh; Liberty No. 4, St. Louis.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, July 31.—River still falling, with seven feet three inches in the canal and five feet two inches in the chute. Weather hot till 4 P. M.; since then there have been indications of rain. Arrived—Emerald, Pittsburgh. Departed—Messenger, St. Louis; Nashville, Cairo.

Nashville.

NASHVILLE, July 31.—River falling, with four feet on Harpeth Shoals. Weather fair and very hot until 7 P. M., when high winds and threatening rain clouds sprung up. Arrived—Empire, Upper Cumberland.

Evansville.

EVANSVILLE, July 31.—Clear; mercury 95 at noon; heavy rain in the river four miles above this city, and in the last twenty-four hours. Port List—Mary Ann and barge, Grand Lake and barges, and Charlie Brown and barges, down; Grey Eagle, Louisville and return; Marietta, Grand Green and return; J. E. Barker, Nashville; Fred. Henderson and return; Sellewhit, Cairo; John A. Wood and barges, down. Nothing doing.

St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, July 31.—Arrived—Wolfe, Peoria; City of Bedford, Vicksburg; Iron Boy Keokuk; Northwestern, St. Paul; Mary Alice and Mohawk, New Orleans; Nellie Thomas, upper Mississippi; Belle Memphis, Memphis; Arkansas Belle, Pittsburgh; Jim. Watson, Cincinnati. Departed—Johnson, New Orleans; Bob Roy, Keokuk; Grand Tower, Memphis; Alice, Kansas City; Red Wing, St. Paul; Rover, Cairo; Lizzie Campbell, Memphis; Arkansas Belle, Stationary. Showery and cooler.

Cairo.

CAIRO, July 31.—Arrived—Tom Reese, St. Louis; Belle Memphis, Memphis; Lawrence, Cincinnati; Henry Frohsack, St. Louis. Departed—City of Chester, Memphis; Arkansas Belle, Evansville; Smoky City, Keokuk; Belle Memphis, St. Louis; Pronasco, Cincinnati. Clear and warm.

COTTON MARKETS.

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, July 31.—Cotton nominal; good ordinary 19c; low middling 20c; middling 21c.

Galveston.

GALVESTON, July 31.—Cotton unchanged; good middling 19¾@20c.

Charleston.

CHARLESTON, July 31.—Cotton easier; middling 18c.

Mobile.

MOBILE, July 31.—Cotton dull and nominal.

Savannah.

SAVANNAH, July 31.—Cotton nominal; middling 20c.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, July 31.—Cattle—Receipts to-day 3,208, including a cargo of New Orleans, of Texan and Cherokee. Market active and prices firm. Choice non-Texan Cattle sold at $2 20@3 40; good non-Texan at $2 60@2 80; Texan steers $2 40@2 60. Hogs—Receipts to-day 1,328. Market active, and 5c higher; Yorkers scarce at $4 80@5 00, mostly $4 85@4 90; heavy grades scarce at $4 65@4 80. Sheep—Receipts to-day 562; good demand and 5@c higher on choice grades, with sales at $5 90@6 00 per head.

New Orleans Grocery Market.

NEW ORLEANS, July 31.—Sugar dull; common 8¾c; fair to fully fair 9@9½c. Molasses—thin inferior 46c; common fermenting and retoned 46c. Coffee firm at 16½@19½c.

retary of State's office. The capital stock is $7,000,000, divided into fourteen thousand shares of fifty dollars each. The northern terminus of the road is to be at the city of Wabash, or at some point on the Cincinnati, Wabash and Michigan Railroad, not exceeding three miles from the place named, and the southern terminus at Kokomo, Indiana. The estimated length is thirty miles. Thirteen directors have been chosen from the stockholders of said company, viz: J. R. Nation, John M. Leach, Richard Nixon, S. G. Lane, Calvin Cairngill, T. F. Payne, Solomon Wilson, H. Caldwell, J. G. Clark, William Anderson, William McLean, L. M. Wright, and J. W. Edwards. Six hundred and twenty shares appear to be taken.

The Pennsylvania Petroleum Railroad—New Route from Tidioute to Erie—Its Officers—Distances, Cost, Estimated Earnings, etc.—Mr. Blenry's Line to the Pittsburgh Coal Fields, etc.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Commercial.

TITUSVILLE, July 28, 1872.

The Pennsylvania Petroleum Railroad, one of Mr. McHenry's projected lines, is an enterprise of great importance, not only to the oil region, but to Northwestern Pennsylvania. The road starts at Tidioute, on the Allegheny river, extends up Gordon's run to a short distance from the town of Triumph; passes on through the Fagundas oil district to Pine creek; down that stream through the Colorada district to where it forms a junction with the Pithole Railway, *via* Pleasantville, and thence to Enterprise and Titusville. Tidioute is a thrifty town of about 4,000 inhabitants, and is one of the centers for oil shipment. Titusville is one of the most rapid growing towns in the country. With the completion of this line the Bunkirk and Warren, the Jamestown and Buffalo, and the Oil Creek Road, will make four lines centering at Titusville. From this point the road extends up Oil creek to Marsh run, thence to Muddy creek; thence to Cambridge (where it connects with the Atlantic and Great Western Railway), and thence by easy grade to Erie on the lake. The route from Titusville to Erie is rich in agricultural districts are traversed, and the Erie the line will possess great advantages for dockage and the transhipment of freight.

The President of the company, A. H. Steele, Esq., is the youngest railroad President in the United States, being but twenty-seven. He started life as a message boy in a railroad telegraph office, and has raised himself, step by step, and now secured competency to direct the construction of this important line. He is also President of the Pithole Valley Railroad, which will be a feeder to this line. He is a man of great energy and ambition of young men, and his selection of officers, and the manner in which the work is being done, show the wisdom of his choice. I do not hesitate to say that no road in the country is being constructed as substantially as this line. The grades are easy, and there are no short curves. The culverts are of the best stone, the bridges of iron and the rails of steel. All the ties are to be faced, and the rails laid in heavy roofing felt on the ties, so as to give elasticity to the track. The ballast will be of broken stone gravel, and the road ready for trains the line is to be equipped with the best constructed rolling stock in the United States.

The distance from Tidioute to Titusville is 17 miles, and from Titusville to Erie 67 miles. By the Oil Creek Railroad it is 58 miles from Tidioute to Titusville, and to Erie *via* Irvinton 65 miles, and *via* Corry 117 miles—a considerable saving to the new line. The grade is also largely in favor of the latter route.

The entire cost of the road, fully equipped in first class order, is estimated at $4,000,000, every dollar of which will come from England. Not a dollar's worth of stock is owned in this country. The oil production of the region traversed is 8,000 barrels per day. The earnings, estimated at forty per cent., less the tariff rates of the Oil Creek Railroad, are as follows: Oil, $884,519 50 cent, $210,498 75 iron ore, $20,000; lumber, $20,000; miscellaneous, $126,000; dockage (Erie), $50,000; passengers, $175,000; mails, $14,450; express, $30,000; total, $1,068,569 00. Deduct running and expenses, a handsome dividend will be realized.

There is a new feature adopted by this company in the construction of the line which is worthy of note. The contractors are required to keep the road-bed track in thorough repair for six months after the trains are run, thereby insuring the rough work at the outset.

For many years, let me remark, Mr. McHenry has had his eye on the Pittsburgh coal region, and now has a road extending the line to that city. Great anxiety is felt among railway managers as to what he is going to do. It is well known he comes to America at this time backed up by all the capital necessary to the full development of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway and branches.

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Change of Gauge.

The Oil City *Derrick* says: Among the improvements contemplated by the new directors of the Erie Railway Company is a change from the broad gauge of six feet to the narrow gauge of four feet and nine inches. This important alteration will, if carried out, and a third rail will be laid between the old rails. New rolling stock will be supplied as fast as the old stock wears out. Meanwhile the broad gauge will be used, but all the new locomotives and cars will be of the other pattern. Both gauges will be used for four or five years. The running expenses will be largely reduced by the use of narrow gauge rolling stock. The Atlantic and Great Western Railway Company is now laying a narrow gauge track, and this lend us the change of the Erie gauge imperative.

Buffalo and Jamestown Road.

The Directors of the Buffalo and Jamestown Railroad Company have adopted what is known as the Gowanda route. By this route the maximum grade going south is forty-five feet to the mile, and going north twenty-six feet to the mile, while the existing grades both ways from Buffalo to Perry, and from Corry to Mayville, is 79 3-10 feet to the mile, and on the Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railroad the existing grade is 100 feet to the mile going south and 90 feet to the mile going north. The total cost of construction and superstructure is estimated at $27,622 24 a mile.

New Castle and Franklin Road.

Last week the contracts for grading the roadbed and erecting the bridges over twenty-two sections of the New Castle and Franklin Railroad were awarded. All the work is to be ready for the ties and iron by April 1st, 1873. The total amount is $10 per cent. has been called for. Work on the road has commenced near New Castle.

How Railroads Enhance Values.

It is estimated by a careful calculation that the construction of the newly surveyed Southern Central, or Cincinnati and Chattanooga Railroad through Middle Tennessee, will enhance mineral, wooded and grazing lands fifty to seventy-five miles each side of it on the "Cumberland Table," or "Mountain District," over five hundred per cent. In anticipation of this many Northern and Western people are buying up lands in that section.

St. Louis and Cairo Narrow Gauge.

The narrow gauge railroad now building between St. Louis and Cairo will cost less than $15,000 a mile. Its length is one hundred and forty-seven miles, and its chief business will be the carrying of coal. Two locomotives and 15,000 cars have already been placed on the line. Twenty-four more engines have been contracted for.

Painsville, Youngstown and Pittsburgh Railroad.

The Stockholders of the Painesville, Youngstown and Pittsburgh Railroad Company elected the following directors: Paul Wick and A. B. Connell, Youngstown; Jas. Ward, Niles; H. G. Cleveland, Cleveland; Henry Clews and Christpher Meyer, New York, and Horace Steele, Painesville. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were chosen; President, Paul Wick; Secretary, A. B. Connell; Treasurer, Aaron Wilcox.

Hollidaysburg and Williamsburg.

The Hollidaysburg and Williamsburg Railroad has been finished to Frankstown, and the construction train passes down and up every day. The road will be completed to Williamsburg and Springfield ore banks, as rapidly as possible, and it will not be a great while till the iron horse will make daily visits to that part of the Cove.

Extension of the Iron Mountain Road To-ward Arkansas.

The extension of the Iron Mountain road, from St. Louis south, is now completed to the Black river near Poplar Bluff, in Butler county, Mo., just on the Arkansas northeast line. This extension will, on the Arkansas border, intersect and form connection with the Cairo and Fulton Railroad, which, by not later than next January and possibly by November, will be completed to Little Rock. Then the people of Arkansas, north of the Arkansas river, will have a railroad communication direct with St. Louis.

Coal and Iron Narrow Gauge.

The citizens of Springfield, Ohio, have taken steps toward the construction of a narrow gauge railway to the coal and iron deposits southeast of that place, believing such movement a practical necessity, both as respects the present wants and future prosperity of that section.

The Cairo and St. Louis narrow gauge bids fair to have an extension south at an early day. The *Industrial Age* states that Hon. C. H. Howland has received a letter from a prominent citizen of Tennessee stating that the citizens of that State are organizing for the construction of a narrow gauge road, under the name of the St. Louis and Atlanta, from Cairo thence to Atlanta, all be seventy miles A route *via* the Iron g gauge of three feet will r disadvantage to it than o of the Iron Mountain.

aupt, the celebrated engineer, prints, in *Van Nostrand's Engineering Magazine*, a paper advocating "a system of narrow gauge railways." He maintains that "as feeders to trunk lines in rural districts and sparsely settled localities they can be constructed more cheaply than ordinary country roads, and upon which transportation can be conducted at less expense than on ordinary railroads. The construction—both of track and cars—is characterized by extraordinary economy and simplicity; it presents many novel features, and is applicable to all grades and any locality."

In brief, his views are these: "Rails" of timber, hewed square on upper and inner sides; no cross-ties, except on elevated portions, the rails and sleepers in one, being laid in trenches with surface half-inch above bed, the earth packed around, and stakes here and there driven; joists lapped and pinned; streams crossed on trestles under the sleepers; a narrow bed, on maximum gauge of three feet, with minimum curve of 300 feet radius.

Cars carried without springs, on hard wood wheels with cast iron rims, having 6 to 8 inch tread; 4-wheel cars weighing 800 pounds, costing $30. The grading will cost less than for a "common road," costing, in the writer's locality (Mountain Virginia), not more than $200 per mile, with $150 more for timber hewed and laid in track. After "ring out all the details for building and operating such a road Mr. Haupt says:

"Such a system would probably prove to be as far in advance of the ordinary narrow gauge roads with iron rails, in economy of construction and operation, as these are claimed to be superior to ordinary wide gauge roads, and could be introduced even in poor and sparsely settled localities, to furnish an avenue to market for coal, iron, timber or stone.

Wooden railways have long been used for various purposes, but they have been constructed of light sawed rails pinned on crossties. Such roads have not given satisfaction, they soon go to pieces under the action of iron wheels with narrow tread and heavy loads. The peculiarity of the plan now proposed consists in dispensing with cross-ties, using a heavy stringer, sunk in the ground nearly level with the road-bed, as the rail, a very wide surface of six or eight inches for the rail, and an equally wide tread for the wheels. Such roads would be free from the defects of ordinary wooden railways, and would be so cheaply constructed that no locality need be without a railway. Their influence in promoting the settlement and development of a new country would be very great."

"ALLA HEU."

A Visit to the Howling Dervishes at Smyrna.

(Correspondence of the Boston Globe.)

Sunday comes three times each week in Smyrna. The Turkish day of worship is on Friday, the day of Mohammed's legira; Saturday is the Jewish Sabbath, and Sunday is supposed to be observed by the "Franks," or English, Roman and Greek churches. On Friday "Isaac" came down in the morning to say that we could see and hear the Howling Dervishes if we would like. So we started at about ten o'clock, and followed him through the labyrinthed streets up into Turktown, and stopped at length before a small, unpretending edifice in front and between it and the street was a garden of tropical and native plants and trees; low palms and bright flowers; purple oleanders and golden pomegranates filling the rich, green foliage. We entered through an ample gate way and crossed a mosaic pavement of little black and white stones to a portico, out of the same, which surrounded the building on three sides. On one side was another, smaller building, open on the side facing the larger one, into which those who took part in the ceremonies retired from time to time. We were also allowed to enter the building, but might take no notes, through the doors or windows. Around the sides of the larger hall or room were old men with long, white beards and flowing robes; young men with rich turbans and sashes of crimson and cloth of gold; little, bright eyed boys, with turban and fez and robes, like their older and sterner looking companions. Many wore a green turban, signifying that the wearer has made a pilgrimage to Mecca. All were seated in the Turkish manner; leaving a large open space in the center.

Presently one, in a long, flowing, white robe, stood in the center of the room and commenced the chant in a low, dismal tone. Then others arose, and forming a circle around him, took up the chant in the same tone. Each one, as he joined the circle, put his right arm around one neighbor's neck and his left around that other's waist, the left hand joining in the circle with as much earnestness as any of the rest. All the time the low, guttural chant continued—Allah Heu! Allah Heu! as though the first word was pronounced with an inspiration and the latter with an expiration of the breath. With the first word, each one inches a backward step and with the second, a step forward and at the same time in a direction around the ring. After a little time one of the worshipers left the circle and the howling begins, at first in a low wail, which is gradually intensified into a perfect shriek. Then it becomes more quiet again; it rises into fiercer howl, wild and abandoned; and dies away at length into a plaintive wail, again to begin with a single cry, as of a soul in deepest agony, which throughout the whole is heard the low, harsh monotone—Allah Heu! Allah Heu! like the subdued mutterings of some wild beast in pain. Indeed it is almost impossible not to correct the idea of pain with the whole ceremony. The almost shuddering motion with which the circle of worshippers moved around, the wild, howling cry and chant, and the low moan of animal suffering, fitly expressed the words they uttered, as the guide told us when we asked what they said: "They pray to God; they say, 'Give us more!' God have pity!' and he cautioned us, as we went away, against repeating the words within hearing of any Turk, as it would give great offense, and might be attended with unpleasant results.

PRAYER-CURE.

Extraordinary Proposition for a Test of the Efficacy of Supplication as a Remedy for Disease.

An extraordinary letter has been addressed from the Athenæum Club, London, to Prof. Tyndall, and has been published in the current *Contemporary Review*. The writer essays to measure the efficacy of prayer after the style and asks to have a test made, which is minutely described. Prof. Tyndall puts before the letter an opinion of his own, to the effect that it is "desirable that the influence of human prayer now possess of the action of Divine Providence in physical affairs." His correspondent proposes "that one single ward or hospital, under the care of first-rate physicians and surgeons, containing certain numbers of patients afflicted with those diseases which have been best studied, and of which the mortality rates are best known, whether the diseases are those which are treated by medical or by surgical remedies, should, during a period of not less, say, than three or five years, made the object of special prayer by the whole body of the faithful, and that at the end of that time, the mortality rates should be compared with the past rates, and that of other leading hospitals, similarly well managed, during the same period. Granting that time is given, and numbers are sufficiently large, so as to insure a minimum of error from accidental disturbing causes, the experiment will be exhaustive and complete.

The Salaries of the Boston Peace Jubilee Musicians.

As an evidence of the remunerativeness of the musical profession to those artists who have achieved great success, the salaries paid in connection with the recent World's Peace Jubilee are to the point. Strauss was the best paid of any of the foreign artists. He received $7,500 for the season, besides a guaranteed $2,500 (gold) benefit, together with transportation and expenses of himself, wife and two servants. In addition to this he received $3,300 (gold) for his three New York concerts, and sold his "Jubilee Waltz" for $550; so that he went back to Europe, after his three weeks' visit, with about $25,000 in his pocket. Madame Peschka Leutner received for her season of thirteen concerts $16,000. Frantz Abt, who conducted one of his own compositions at four concerts, received $1,200—for each.

Arabella Goddard received $5,000, literally for doing nothing; Emma Juch $4,000, and Wehli $4,250 for two appearances. The sums paid to the bands and orchestra were also enormous. The great orchestra drew $72,000 out of the treasury for the thirty days' jubilee. The musicians from other cities than Boston drew $10 a day per man and transportation, and the Boston players $8 a day. The military brass bands received on an average $25 a man for the week. The foreign bands cost about $5 per man a day, including expenses and transportation, board alone averaging about $3 a day. The Irish band cost, relatively, more than the regular military, as they were the poorest of all—inasmuch as they did not appear until were under pay for the whole time. The total expenses of the four foreign bands was about one hundred thousand dollars.

While these sums are enormous, it must be remembered that the attainment of musical excellence sufficient to draw such salaries as these requires many years of unremitting and arduous labor at a great outlay of money, with the prospect ahead that a capricious public may after all not many times crown the seal of success, and that, while one out of twenty gets this hands-me salary, nineteen others get nothing, and have the poor consolation of looking back upon a life thrown away, and pursuing a profession at the expense of penury and public mortification.—*Chicago Tribune.*

A new type setting and distributing machine is in use in the London *Times* office. The composing machine is worked by two boys, who can compose as fast as ten of the best skilled compositors, and the distributing machine, worked by one lad, can distribute rather faster than a highly skilled compositor.

Robbed on the Highway.

At an early hour this morning a man named Henry Mansel, a fireman, stepped into a Wylie avenue saloon and indulged in a glass of beer. When he left the house he was followed by a couple of men who attacked him on the avenue and robbed him of his watch and a small quantity of money. The scoundrels who secured the plunder made their escape. Mansel returned to the saloon for the purpose of learning who his assailants were, but was unsuccessful in his mission. To-day he will inform the authorities of his adventure and invoke the aid of the police in recovering his lost valuables.

CITY MATTERS.

PERSONS leaving the city during the summer can have the COMMERCIAL mailed to their address by ordering the same at this office. Terms, twenty-five cents per week.

Letters Held for Postage, July 30th, 1872.

	Cents.
Wilcott, Smith & Co., Chicago, Ill	3
John Dover, East Liverpool, Ohio	3
Chalfant, Graff & Co., Foxburg, Pa	3
J. W. Sluts, Canton, Ohio	3

JOHN H. SIEWART, P. M.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

An Aged Woman Struck by a Locomotive at Fleming Station and Killed—Man Injured at the Union Depot.

Yesterday afternoon about four o'clock, a woman was struck by the locomotive of the Cleveland express at Fleming Station, about seven miles below Allegheny, on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, and so badly injured that death ensued an hour afterward. The train had just passed the station on its way to this city, when the engineer discovered an aged woman standing on the end of one of the ties, a short distance from the station. He sounded the proper warning, but the woman did not hear or heed the whistle. The engineer then whistled down brakes, but could not stop the train in time, and the bumper struck her on the side, and threw her some distance from the track. When picked up only a slight gash was discovered upon the back of her head, and slight bruises about her body. It is supposed that she was struck with such force as to cause internal injuries which produced death.

The unfortunate woman was placed on the train and taken to the Federal street station, when Dr. Buchanan was summoned, but she was beyond the reach of medical skill, and death resulted at about five o'clock. The remains were then removed to Rodney's undertaking rooms, where an inquest will be held this morning.

The deceased was a German, about sixty years of age. Her name has not been ascertained. She had been asked her name several times but did not answer. When asked whether she had any friends she said yes, and gave the name of Charles Beseley. She also stated she resided at Birmingham station, a short distance this side of Fleming.

John Rupey, an employee on the Pennsylvania Railroad, met with a painful accident last evening about six o'clock, at the Union Depot. Mr. Rupey boards at a house in Bidwell street, Allegheny, and is employed on the night turn. Shortly before six o'clock he jumped on a freight train at the foot of Bidwell street, for the purpose of riding to the Union Depot. As the train was entering the depot Mr. Rupey attempted to jump off, when he fell, but fortunately the wheels only grazed his foot. Dr. Hamilton attended his injuries, after which he was removed to the West Pennsylvania Hospital.

THE CONTROLLER'S REPORT

The City's Receipts and Expenditures During July.

Owing to the heavy pressure of business at the offices of City Treasurer Magee and Controller McGowan, it was not until a late hour last night that Assistant Controller H. M. Bigelow, Esq., was able to complete his report of the receipts and expenditures for the month of July, ending yesterday. Following is the exhibit.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Dist. and Mag'st.	$ 6,502 42	Interest	$ 789 50
Fifth Ward Market	1,000 00	Police	8,000 00
Fifth Av. Market	411 41	Printing	699 50
Second Regulator	686 25	Fire Department	8,000 00
1st District Streets		Police	10,000 00
and Sewers	46 74	Water Works	7,000 00
2d District Streets		Streets	1,100 92
and Sewers	14 62	Diamond Market	100 00
City Weigh Scales	155 69	Fifth Ward Market	25 00
Weighing Coal	263 30	Fifth Av. Market	141 66
Monongahela Wh'f	1,245 60	Monongahela Wh'f	140 33
Allegheny Wharf	67 50	Allegheny Wharf	140 33
Sealing Inspection	401 60	Com'l agent	426 96
Gas Regulating	150 00	Gas Inspector	2,000 00
		Pittsburgh Gas Co.	8,116 01
		Fuel	1,000 00
City tax, 1872	91,862 09	R. acts	3,013 41
City collect'd tax, 1871	17 819 84	W. ter extension	45,622 97
Extra tax, 1871	2,196 40	Bridges	1,000 00
Tax rebate'ds spec'l		City rents	262 10
tax	367 421	Tax rebate'ds Sink.	
Business tax, 1872	8,346 20	Fund	2,002 10
Water rents, 1872	90,000 00	Sundry loan redeem'd	40,000 00
Streets, grading and paving	1,605 67	Total	$173,609 90
Vehicle licenses	108 25		
Water sales	1,000 00		
Interest on bank balances	204 24		
Water Bonds sold	119,521 58		
Accrued interest on water loan	1,625 86		
Total	$407,306 28		
Balance in Treas.			
July 1st, 1872	166,303 76		
Receipts fr. July	407,306 28		
Total	$580,769 64		
Warrants cancelled in July	173,609 90		
Total	$407,159 65		

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

Keystone Bank	$185,719 89
Pittsburgh Savings Bank	175,719 88
Deposited in Bank	46,219 88
Total	$407,159 65

Considering the payment of the $40,000 borrowed some time ago, the City Treasury just now is in a pretty healthy condition.

A MIXED CASE.

A Prosecutor Who Did Not Prosecute.

A suit purporting to be instituted by George G. Leavenworth, of the Alden House, against the Mayor's clerk, comes from the office of Alderman Strain. The suit, if any exists, is for a misdemeanor. The information sets forth that Mr. Leavenworth became bail in the sum of fifty dollars for the appearance at a hearing of a certain party who had been arrested for disorderly conduct. When the hearing came off the Mayor fined the accused the full amount of the bail and, has always been the custom, the Mayor's clerk passed the money to the credit of the city. Mr. Leavenworth, it is claimed, maintained that he only left the money as bail for the appearance of the accused at a hearing, and that when the defendant did appear he should have received his fifty dollars back again. It has always been the custom, and the old saying is that "custom makes law" to deduct from cash deposited for the release of a bail bond prisoner what fines and costs the prisoner may be fined. Yet the funny part of the case is that Mr. Leavenworth informed the Mayor's clerk yesterday, in the writer of the COMMERCIAL reporter, that he had never entered suit for the recovery of the money, nor had he authorized any attorney to enter suit for him, nor did he know that such had been done until he read about it in an evening paper. Nevertheless the Mayor's clerk was furnished with a duly certified subpœna, commanding him to "appear and answer George F. Leavenworth, &c. The matter will no doubt be cleared up when a hearing takes place.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Fifth Avenue Opera House.

Last night Emerson's California Minstrels made their debut at the establishment of the thoroughly crowded auditorium. The troupe did not arrive in the city until five o'clock in the afternoon, and here the band was strengthened by the addition of several new performers, who appeared last evening, but under rather unfavorable circumstances, no opportunity having been afforded for rehearsals. The olio was tame, however, acquitted itself better than was anticipated, and in the *finale* the vocalists and the orchestra came in for the most emphatic demonstrations of delight. Encores followed their comic ditties were encored, while the selection from the "Grand Duchess" allowed Messrs. Cole, Hyers and Campbell an excellent opportunity to fairly electrify the auditors.

In the second part of the entertainment Harry Stanwood played some solos on the banjo accompanied by Billy Emerson, an old favorite in Pittsburgh, was heartily received, and delighted his patrons with several of his artistic songs and dances. Another old favorite in the city, Fayette Welch, was heartily welcomed to the scene of his former triumphs, and contributed the audience a rich treat. Sheridan and Mack have greatly improved since their last visit. Their changes are excellent. D. Lefebre, formerly of Thomas's orchestra, performed a solo on the saxophone, an instrument new in this country, in a masterly manner. The performance concluded with an operatic sketch, a burlesque on *Il Trovatore*, in which the popular Ben Cotton, Holdsworth, Con Murphy, and the company, acquitted themselves in a most admirable manner. The house last night was an excellent one, and worthy the patronage of our people.

The Central Park Menagerie.

This institution, which is highly spoken of by the press of this city, is in Union Park, Allegheny, on next Monday, and on the lot corner of Penn avenue and Thirty-first street, on the succeeding Tuesday and Wednesday. The selection of animals is said to be excellent, the cages containing specimens never before seen in America. Attached to the menagerie is a circus, where some of the most talented performers in the country will appear at each exhibition. Remember, the first performance will be given on next Monday afternoon.

Attempted Suicide.

A laborer in the employ of Street Commissioner McGraw, of Allegheny, named Michael Train who lives at the corner of First and West streets, attempted to commit suicide yesterday morning. At an early hour, some member of his family entered his room, and found him suspended with a rope to the bed post. When discovered life was nearly extinct, but the rope was promptly cut and medical aid summoned. Restoratives were applied, and by noon the would-be suicide had recovered from the effects of the strangulation process. Whisky was the cause of the rash act.

Carried the Steps Away.

If there are two articles in the world which one would suppose to be safe from the hands of a thief, they are the front steps of a house and a red hot stove. Yesterday, according to an information made before Alderman Donaldson, John Patton picked up the wooden steps leading to the front entrance of the residence of Rose Brown, and took them out on Sunday, too. The accused was arrested and held for a hearing to-day.

The Coroner's Monthly Report.

Yesterday the Coroner completed his report of inquests held during the month of July. The total, nineteen, is less than during any previous month of the year. Three unfortunates died from the excessive use of intoxicating liquors. There were six deaths occasioned by railroad accidents, and two by accidental and one by suicidal drowning. The other cases were of sunstroke, accidental injuries, &c.

REGISTER'S REPORT.

List of Letters of Administration Granted and Wills Admitted to Probate During July.

Register Gray makes the following report of the business transacted at his office during the month of July:

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED.

DECEDENTS.	ADMINISTRATORS.	BOND.
John Porter, Sr	Robert Porter	$10,000
John Singer	Jacob Singer	800
Smith Lake	Ezra or Bozrah	700
John M'ck	Henry Mack	100
Wm. H. B. Smith	Daniel W. Scott	4,000
Margaret Mellor	Daniel F. Mellor	200
Samuel Beatty	Ann J. G. Beatty	2,000
Elisha Evans	W. B. R. gore Fee	200
Peter Zwygart	Teresa Zwygart	1,000
Joshua M. Cook	Elizabeth Mc	10,000
Wm. B. Russell	George R. Russell	30,000
Harriet Creek	W. K. Jennings	4,000
Jacob Rieser	Clara Elsner	1,800
John M. Dodge	Jane Dodge	200
Nelson K. Campbell	Jane Dodge	15,000
Jacob Long	J. G. Schaffer	200
William Binden	Lorenz Winechel	200
Alex. Hunter	Rev. Joseph Hunter	300
Wm. G. McCartney	Mrs. Mary Vick	1,000
Johanna Reisker	Edward Reisker	3,000
John G. Hebenmuller	Chris. Eichenmiller	300
Maria Bolmer	Wm. Shore	500
James S. Crump	Mary J. Crump	5,000